

S 982

Freedom to Fish Act

Congress: 113 (2013–2015, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Water Resources Development

Introduced: May 16, 2013

Current Status: Became Public Law No: 113-13.

Latest Action: Became Public Law No: 113-13. (Jun 3, 2013)

Law: 113-13 (Enacted Jun 3, 2013)

Official Text: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/113th-congress/senate-bill/982>

Sponsor

Name: Sen. Alexander, Lamar [R-TN]

Party: Republican • **State:** TN • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Corker, Bob [R-TN]	R · TN		May 16, 2013
Sen. McConnell, Mitch [R-KY]	R · KY		May 16, 2013
Sen. Paul, Rand [R-KY]	R · KY		May 16, 2013

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Bills of Interest - Exchange of Letters	Jul 18, 2014

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Water Resources Development

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
113 S 601	Related bill	Oct 31, 2013: See also H.R. 3080.

(This measure has not been amended since it was introduced. The expanded summary of the Senate passed version is repeated here.)

Freedom to Fish Act - Requires the Chief of the Army Corps of Engineers to: (1) cease implementing and enforcing, until two years after enactment of this Act, any restricted area for hazardous waters at dams and other civil works structures in the Cumberland River Basin that the Chief established or modified between August 1, 2012, and the day before the enactment of this Act; and (2) remove any permanent physical barriers constructed in connection with such area.

Requires the Chief, before establishing any such restricted area after this Act's enactment, to: (1) ensure that any restrictions are based on operational conditions that create hazardous waters, and (2) publish and seek and consider public comment on a draft describing the restricted area. Prohibits the Chief from: (1) implementing or enforcing the restricted area until two years after this Act's enactment, or (2) taking any action to establish a permanent physical barrier in connection with such area. (Excludes the installation and maintenance of measures for alerting the public of hazardous water conditions as such a permanent physical barrier.)

Makes enforcement of a restricted area the sole responsibility of the state in which such area is located.

Prohibits the Chief from assessing any penalty for entering a restricted area of public park and recreational facilities at water resource development projects.

Actions Timeline

- **Jun 3, 2013:** Signed by President.
- **Jun 3, 2013:** Became Public Law No: 113-13.
- **May 22, 2013:** Presented to President.
- **May 21, 2013:** Mr. Shuster moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **May 21, 2013:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H2825-2827)
- **May 21, 2013:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on S. 982.
- **May 21, 2013:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H2825)
- **May 21, 2013:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H2825)
- **May 21, 2013:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **May 20, 2013:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **May 20, 2013:** Received in the House.
- **May 20, 2013:** Held at the desk.
- **May 16, 2013:** Introduced in Senate
- **May 16, 2013:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Introduced in the Senate, read twice, considered, read the third time, and passed without amendment by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S3584-3585; text as passed Senate: CR S3585)
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