

## S 3059

### Marine Mammal Research and Response Act of 2016

**Congress:** 114 (2015–2017, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Animals

**Introduced:** Jun 15, 2016

**Current Status:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 690.

**Latest Action:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 690. (Nov 28, 2016)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/114th-congress/senate-bill/3059>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Cantwell, Maria [D-WA]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** WA • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Sullivan, Dan [R-AK]	R · AK		Jun 15, 2016
Sen. Murkowski, Lisa [R-AK]	R · AK		Jun 16, 2016
Sen. Schatz, Brian [D-HI]	D · HI		Jun 27, 2016

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Reported By	Nov 28, 2016

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Animals

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 HR 5776	Identical bill	<b>Jul 26, 2016:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans.

## **Marine Mammal Research and Response Act of 2016**

This bill reauthorizes through FY2022 and revises the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, including by expanding the Act and the John H. Prescott Marine Mammal Rescue and Response Grant Program to include assistance for marine mammals that are entangled in material (e.g., fishing gear) and are on U.S. beaches or shores, or in U.S. navigable waters.

(Sec. 2) The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) must develop a program to make publicly available certain data collected under the Act.

(Sec. 4) The bill requires sums received for marine mammal conservation (e.g., fines for violations) and sums received from emergency declaration grants for marine mammal conservation to be deposited into the Marine Mammal Unusual Mortality Event Fund.

(Sec. 7) The bill establishes the John H. Prescott Marine Mammal Rescue and Rapid Response Fund for providing emergency financial assistance for certain stranded or entangled marine mammals.

(Sec. 8) NOAA must: (1) establish a Marine Mammal Health Map, a national marine mammal health and stranding observing system; (2) analyze gaps in data about marine mammal rescue and response; and (3) report on the response capabilities for sick and injured marine mammals in U.S. Arctic regions.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Nov 28, 2016:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Reported by Senator Thune with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. With written report No. 114-386.
- **Nov 28, 2016:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 690.
- **Jun 29, 2016:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Jun 15, 2016:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jun 15, 2016:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.