

## HR 5797

### California Seamounts and Ridges National Marine Conservation Area Designation and Management Act

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Public Lands and Natural Resources

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## Sponsor

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## Cosponsors (4 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Lieu, Ted [D-CA-33]	D · CA		Jul 14, 2016
Rep. Lee, Barbara [D-CA-13]	D · CA		Sep 28, 2016
Rep. Lofgren, Zoe [D-CA-19]	D · CA		Sep 28, 2016
Rep. Blumenauer, Earl [D-OR-3]	D · OR		Nov 18, 2016

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Aug 4, 2016
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## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

## Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

## **California Seamounts and Ridges National Marine Conservation Area Designation and Management Act**

This bill establishes the California Seamounts and Ridges National Marine Conservation Area to protect certain seamounts, ridges, and banks located in federal waters off the coast of California.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and the Department of the Interior shall have joint responsibility for managing the conservation area. Development of a management plan must include a public consultation process with tribes, fisherman, and other stakeholders to better understand the activities occurring in the conservation area.

Additionally, any management plan developed by NOAA and Interior must prohibit oil and gas development, deep sea-mining, aquaculture, and damaging fishing practices in the area. Certain activities including recreational fishing and exercises by the Armed Forces are allowed to be conducted in the area.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Aug 4, 2016:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans.
- **Aug 4, 2016:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources.
- **Jul 14, 2016:** Introduced in House
- **Jul 14, 2016:** Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.