

S 3119

Endangered Salmon Predation Prevention Act

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Risch, James E. [R-ID]

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

Cosponsors (5 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Cantwell, Maria [D-WA]	D · WA		Jun 21, 2018
Sen. Crapo, Mike [R-ID]	R · ID		Dec 4, 2018
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		Dec 5, 2018
Sen. Murray, Patty [D-WA]	D · WA		Dec 5, 2018
Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]	D · OR		Dec 5, 2018

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Reported By	Nov 29, 2018

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 2083	Related bill	Jun 27, 2018: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

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(Sec. 3) This bill amends the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 to authorize the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to issue permits allowing Washington, Oregon, Idaho, the Nez Perce Tribe, the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon, and the Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation to kill sea lions in a portion of the Columbia River and certain tributaries in order to protect certain fish from sea lion predation. Specifically, the permits may be issued to protect (1) endangered or threatened species of salmon, steelhead, or eulachon; and (2) species of lamprey or sturgeon that are listed as a species of concern.

Permits may be issued to kill sea lions only if the sea lions are part of a population that is not categorized as depleted or strategic.

The cumulative annual taking of sea lions each year under all such permits is limited to 10% of the annual potential biological removal level (the maximum number of animals that may be removed from a marine mammal stock while allowing that stock to reach or maintain its optimum sustainable population). In addition, the takings must be humane.

NOAA must suspend the issuance of the permits if, after five years, lethal removal authority is no longer necessary to protect fish from sea lion predation.

(Sec. 5) The Department of Commerce must study the effectiveness of the permits on the recovery of endangered and threatened salmon and steelhead stocks.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 18, 2018:** Signed by President.
- **Dec 18, 2018:** Became Public Law No: 115-329.
- **Dec 13, 2018:** Presented to President.
- **Dec 11, 2018:** Mr. Lamborn asked unanimous consent to take from the Speaker's table and consider.
- **Dec 11, 2018:** Considered by unanimous consent. (considered: CR H10085-10086)
- **Dec 11, 2018:** Passed/agreed to in House: On passage Passed without objection.(text: CR H10085-10086)
- **Dec 11, 2018:** On passage Passed without objection. (text: CR H10085-10086)
- **Dec 11, 2018:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Dec 10, 2018:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Dec 10, 2018:** Received in the House.
- **Dec 10, 2018:** Held at the desk.
- **Dec 6, 2018:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR S7368-7370)
- **Dec 6, 2018:** The committee substitute withdrawn by Unanimous Consent. (CR S7369)
- **Dec 6, 2018:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- **Dec 6, 2018:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- **Nov 29, 2018:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Reported by Senator Thune with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. With written report No. 115-400.
- **Nov 29, 2018:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 702.
- **Aug 1, 2018:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Jun 21, 2018:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jun 21, 2018:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.