

## HR 6191

AQUAA Act

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**Chamber:** House

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

**Introduced:** Mar 11, 2020

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife. (Mar 24, 2020)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/house-bill/6191>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Peterson, Collin C. [D-MN-7]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** MN • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Palazzo, Steven M. [R-MS-4]	R · MS		Mar 11, 2020

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred To	Mar 11, 2020
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 24, 2020

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

## **Advancing the Quality and Understanding of American Aquaculture Act or the AQUAA Act**

This bill establishes national standards for sustainable offshore aquaculture.

The bill directs the Department of Commerce to create an Office of Offshore Aquaculture within the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to coordinate regulatory, scientific, outreach, and international issues related to aquaculture.

The bill also establishes a unified permitting and review process for aquaculture operations.

Commerce must establish a research and development grant program to promote research and extension activities, including to (1) create innovative design and engineering solutions to common obstacles within the aquaculture industry; (2) evaluate the role of genetics in relation to brood stock production, disease management, and interactions between cultured species and wild stocks; and (3) improve techniques for monitoring, assessing, and addressing environmental impacts of aquaculture and develop and evaluate methodologies to prevent, minimize, and mitigate potential adverse environmental impacts.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Mar 24, 2020:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife.
- **Mar 11, 2020:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 11, 2020:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E300)
- **Mar 11, 2020:** Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.