

## S 3100

### AQUAA Act

**Congress:** 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

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

**Introduced:** Oct 28, 2021

**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. (Oct 28, 2021)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/senate-bill/3100>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Wicker, Roger F. [R-MS]

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

### Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Rubio, Marco [R-FL]	R · FL		Oct 28, 2021
Sen. Schatz, Brian [D-HI]	D · HI		Oct 28, 2021
Sen. Moran, Jerry [R-KS]	R · KS		Jun 22, 2022

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Referred To	Oct 28, 2021

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 6258	Identical bill	<b>Dec 23, 2021:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife.

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

This bill establishes standards for sustainable aquaculture in federal offshore waters in the exclusive economic zone and establishes related requirements.

For example, it requires the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to establish a national plan to identify and designate aquaculture opportunity areas.

In addition, NOAA must establish a unified permitting and review process for aquaculture operations.

NOAA must also establish a grant program for research and development to support the development of a sustainable marine aquaculture industry, such as research and services to create innovative design and engineering solutions to common obstacles within the aquaculture industry.

Finally, the bill directs the Department of Commerce to create and provide resources for an Office of Aquaculture within NOAA to coordinate regulatory, scientific, outreach, and international issues related to aquaculture.

### **Actions Timeline**

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