

HR 3817

Regional Ocean Partnership Act of 2021

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Rep. Palazzo, Steven M. [R-MS-4]	R · MS		Jun 11, 2021
Rep. Smith, Christopher H. [R-NJ-4]	R · NJ		Jun 11, 2021
Rep. Murphy, Stephanie N. [D-FL-7]	D · FL		Jun 15, 2021
Rep. Pingree, Chellie [D-ME-1]	D · ME		Jun 15, 2021
Rep. Huffman, Jared [D-CA-2]	D · CA		Jul 9, 2021
Rep. Luria, Elaine G. [D-VA-2]	D · VA		Sep 10, 2021

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 17, 2021
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 17, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 3764	Related bill	Dec 30, 2022: Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 511.
117 S 1894	Related bill	Feb 15, 2022: By Senator Cantwell from Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation filed written report. Report No. 117-78.

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This bill allows the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to designate and support Regional Ocean Partnerships between coastal states that share a common ocean or coastal area.

Specifically, NOAA may designate a partnership as a Regional Ocean Partnership if it (1) is established to coordinate the interstate management of coastal resources; (2) focuses on the environmental issues affecting the ocean and coastal areas of the coastal states participating in the partnership; (3) complements existing state coastal and ocean management efforts on an interstate scale, focusing on shared regional priorities; (4) does not have a regulatory function; and (5) is not duplicative of an existing Regional Ocean Partnership.

The bill designates the following entities as Regional Ocean Partnerships:

- the Gulf of Mexico Alliance,
- the Northeast Regional Ocean Council,
- the Mid-Atlantic Regional Council on the Ocean, and
- the West Coast Ocean Alliance.

Each partnership must maintain mechanisms for consultation and engagement with the federal government, tribal governments, and nongovernmental entities, such as academic organizations.

A partnership may use provided federal funds to award grants and enter into contracts for certain purposes, including to monitor the water quality and living resources of multistate ocean and coastal ecosystems.

Actions Timeline

- **Jun 22, 2021:** Committee Hearings Held.
- **Jun 17, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife.
- **Jun 17, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee for Indigenous Peoples of the United States.
- **Jun 11, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Jun 11, 2021:** Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.