

HR 3951

Sustaining Healthy Ecosystems, Livelihoods, and Local Seafood Act

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Policy Area: Agriculture and Food

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 28, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Agriculture and Food

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 S 2211	Related bill	Jun 22, 2023: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

Sustaining Healthy Ecosystems, Livelihoods, and Local Seafood Act or the SHELLS Act

This bill directs the Department of Agriculture (USDA) to establish an Office of Aquaculture and an Aquaculture Advisory Committee. The term *aquaculture* means the propagation and rearing of aquatic species in controlled or selected environments, including ocean ranching (with exclusions).

Specifically, the Office of Aquaculture must encourage and promote aquaculture operations that promote U.S. food security and limit adverse environmental effects.

USDA must also establish a 14-member Aquaculture Advisory Committee to advise USDA on (1) developing and advancing aquaculture best practices; (2) the history, use, and preservation of indigenous and traditional aquaculture practices and ecological knowledge; and (3) providing technical assistance to aquaculture farmers and businesses.

Actions Timeline

- **Jul 28, 2023:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry.
- **Jun 9, 2023:** Introduced in House
- **Jun 9, 2023:** Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.