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HR 5103

FISHES Act

Congress: 118 (2023–2025, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Public Lands and Natural Resources

Introduced: Aug 1, 2023

Current Status: Became Public Law No: 118-229.

Latest Action: Became Public Law No: 118-229. (Jan 4, 2025)

Law: 118-229 (Enacted Jan 4, 2025)

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Name: Rep. Donalds, Byron [R-FL-19]

Party: Republican • State: FL • Chamber: House

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| Rep. Weber, Randy K. [R-TX-14] | $R \cdot TX$ | Apr 17, 2024 |
| Rep. Davis, Donald G. [D-NC-1] | $D \cdot NC$ | Apr 20, 2024 |
| Rep. Mace, Nancy [R-SC-1] | $R \cdot SC$ | Apr 20, 2024 |
| Rep. Carl, Jerry L. [R-AL-1] | $R \cdot AL$ | Apr 30, 2024 |
| Rep. Fry, Russell [R-SC-7] | $R \cdot SC$ | Apr 30, 2024 |
| Rep. Waltz, Michael [R-FL-6] | $R \cdot FL$ | Jun 3, 2024 |
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| Rep. Huffman, Jared [D-CA-2] | D · CA | Jun 11, 2024 |
| Rep. Salazar, Maria Elvira [R-FL-27] | $R \cdot FL$ | Jun 11, 2024 |
| Rep. Magaziner, Seth [D-RI-2] | D · RI | Jun 25, 2024 |
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| Rep. Costa, Jim [D-CA-21] | D · CA | Jul 10, 2024 |
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| Rep. Mullin, Kevin [D-CA-15] | D · CA | Jul 15, 2024 |
| Rep. Posey, Bill [R-FL-8] | $R \cdot FL$ | Jul 26, 2024 |
| Rep. Rouzer, David [R-NC-7] | $R \cdot NC$ | Jul 26, 2024 |
| Rep. Cherfilus-McCormick, Sheila [D-FL-20] | D · FL | Aug 13, 2024 |
| Rep. Lawler, Michael [R-NY-17] | $R \cdot NY$ | Aug 23, 2024 |
| Rep. Frankel, Lois [D-FL-22] | D · FL | Sep 11, 2024 |
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| Rep. Kean, Thomas H. [R-NJ-7] | $R \cdot NJ$ | | Sep 12, 2024 |
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| Rep. Gimenez, Carlos A. [R-FL-28] | $R \cdot FL$ | | Sep 24, 2024 |
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| Rep. Gonzalez, Vicente [D-TX-34] | $D\cdotTX$ | | Oct 25, 2024 |

Committee Activity

| Committee | Chamber | Activity | Date |
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| Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee | Senate | Discharged From | Dec 21, 2024 |
| Natural Resources Committee | House | Hearings By (subcommittee) | Oct 25, 2023 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

Related Bills

| Bill | Relationship | Last Action |
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| 118 S 4262 | Related bill | May 2, 2024: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. |

Summary (as of Jan 4, 2025)

Fishery Improvement to Streamline untimely regulatory Hurdles post Emergency Situation Act or the FISHES Act

This act establishes procedures for the review of spend plans submitted to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) by requesters seeking fishery resource disaster assistance funding.

The act requires NOAA to review a spend plan within 10 days of its submission and determine whether it is complete. If such spend plan is not complete, NOAA must provide the requester (i.e., prospective grantee) with a detailed description of the information that is necessary for the spend plan to be determined complete. Further, NOAA must notify a requester when the spend plan has been determined to be complete.

Under current law, fishery resource disaster assistance funds must be disbursed to approved grantees within 90 days after NOAA has received a completed spend plan. The act provides that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) may review a completed spend plan concurrently with NOAA, provided OMB's review does not delay the 90-day timeline for providing funds to the grantee.

Actions Timeline

- Jan 4, 2025: Signed by President.
- Jan 4, 2025: Became Public Law No: 118-229.
- Dec 27, 2024: Presented to President.
- Dec 23, 2024: Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- Dec 21, 2024: Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation discharged by Unanimous Consent.
- Dec 21, 2024: Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- Dec 21, 2024: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S7317)
- Dec 4, 2024: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
- Dec 3, 2024: Mr. Westerman moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- Dec 3, 2024: Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H6268-6269)
- Dec 3, 2024: DEBATE The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 5103.
- Dec 3, 2024: Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H6268)
- Dec 3, 2024: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H6268)
- Dec 3, 2024: Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- Nov 14, 2024: Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Natural Resources. H. Rept. 118-733.
- Nov 14, 2024: Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 618.
- Sep 19, 2024: Subcommittee on Water, Wildlife, and Fisheries Discharged
- Sep 19, 2024: Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held
- Sep 19, 2024: Ordered to be Reported in the Nature of a Substitute by Unanimous Consent.
- Oct 25, 2023: Subcommittee Hearings Held
- Oct 24, 2023: Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Wildlife, and Fisheries.
- Aug 1, 2023: Introduced in House
- Aug 1, 2023: Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.