

## HR 5205

### Coastal Fellowships Act

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**Chamber:** House

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

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### Sponsor

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### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred To	Aug 15, 2023

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 S 1552	Identical bill	May 11, 2023: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

## **Coastal Fellowships Act**

This bill establishes the Coastal Management Fellowship and the Digital Coast Fellowship programs to be administered by the Department of Commerce. The fellowships aim to provide on-the-job training and to encourage public service that supports U.S. coastal resource management. In addition, the Digital Coast Fellowship will support the Digital Coast program, which is a platform that integrates geospatial data, training, and other tools in order to address coastal management issues.

The bill specifies that selected fellows must have completed a related graduate-level degree before the fellowship begins and have a demonstrated interest in a career in coastal or marine science, management, policy, or law. Commerce must award the fellowships in a manner that is geographically balanced. Each fellow may be selected for a term of up to two years, must receive an annual stipend of at least \$47,000, and may be directly hired by a federal agency upon successful completion of a fellowship.

## **Actions Timeline**

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