

HR 207

SHARKED Act of 2025

Congress: 119 (2025–2027, Current)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Public Lands and Natural Resources

Introduced: Jan 3, 2025

Current Status: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Latest Action: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. (Jan 22, 2025)

Official Text: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/119th-congress/house-bill/207>

Sponsor

Name: Rep. Wittman, Robert J. [R-VA-1]

Party: Republican • **State:** VA • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (4 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Soto, Darren [D-FL-9]	D · FL		Jan 3, 2025
Rep. Veasey, Marc A. [D-TX-33]	D · TX		Jan 3, 2025
Rep. Webster, Daniel [R-FL-11]	R · FL		Jan 3, 2025
Rep. Donalds, Byron [R-FL-19]	R · FL		Jan 13, 2025

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jan 22, 2025
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 3, 2025

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
119 S 2314	Identical bill	Jul 30, 2025: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.

Supporting the Health of Aquatic systems through Research Knowledge and Enhanced Dialogue Act of 2025 or the SHARKED Act of 2025

This bill requires the Department of Commerce to establish a task force to address and report to Congress about critical needs with respect to shark depredation. (Shark depredation is the partial or complete removal of a hooked fish by a shark directly from a fishing line before the line is retrieved.)

The duties of the task force are, among other responsibilities, to (1) develop ways to improve coordination and communication across the fisheries management and shark research communities; (2) identify research priorities and funding opportunities; (3) develop recommended management strategies to address shark depredation; and (4) coordinate the development and distribution of educational materials.

The bill specifies that the task force must include representatives of each Regional Fishery Management Council, each Marine Fisheries Commission, the fish and wildlife agencies of coastal states, and the National Marine Fisheries Service. The task force must also include researchers and others with relevant expertise.

The task force must report its findings to Congress within two years after the bill's enactment and every two years thereafter until the task force is terminated. The task force sunsets within seven years after the date of its establishment.

Actions Timeline

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