

HR 9436

Northeast Lobsterman Protection Act of 2026

**Congress:** 119 (2025–2027, Current)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Animals

**Introduced:** Jun 24, 2026

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

**Latest Action:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. (Sep 14, 2026)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/119th-congress/house-bill/9436>

Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Lawler, Michael [R-NY-17]

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

Cosponsors (1 total)

| Cosponsor                      | Party / State | Role | Date Joined  |
|--------------------------------|---------------|------|--------------|
| Rep. Golden, Jared F. [D-ME-2] | D · ME        |      | Jun 24, 2026 |

Committee Activity

| Committee                                       | Chamber | Activity    | Date         |
|-------------------------------------------------|---------|-------------|--------------|
| Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee | Senate  | Referred To | Sep 14, 2026 |
| Natural Resources Committee                     | House   | Referred To | Jun 24, 2026 |
| Natural Resources Committee                     | House   | Markup By   | Jul 15, 2026 |
| Natural Resources Committee                     | House   | Reported By | Aug 27, 2026 |
| Natural Resources Committee                     | House   | Unknown     | Sep 1, 2026  |

Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Animals

Environmental Protection

Related Bills

| Bill          | Relationship   | Last Action                                                                             |
|---------------|----------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 119 HRES 1499 | Related bill   | <b>Sep 1, 2026:</b> Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection. |
| 119 HR 8509   | Related bill   | <b>Apr 27, 2026:</b> Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.              |
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## Northeast Lobsterman Protection Act of 2026

This bill extends the deadline from 2028 to 2035 for the National Marine Fisheries Service to issue new regulations that protect the endangered Atlantic large whale from certain lobster and crab fishing gear. Under current law, the new regulations must include requirements for the American lobster and Jonah crab fisheries to utilize existing and innovative fishing gear technologies as appropriate to reduce the risk of whales becoming entangled in their gear.

### Actions Timeline

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- **Sep 14, 2026:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
- **Sep 1, 2026:** Considered under the provisions of rule H. Res. 1499. (consideration: CR H5395-5401)
- **Sep 1, 2026:** Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 1501, H.R. 9436, H. Res. 1490 and H.R. 4795. The resolution provides for consideration of H.R. 1501, H.R. 9436, H.Res. 1490, and H.R. 4795 under a closed rule with one hour of general debate on each measure. The resolution provides for a motion to recommit on H.R. 1501, H.R. 9436, and H.R. 4795.
- **Sep 1, 2026:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with one hour of debate on H.R. 9436.
- **Sep 1, 2026:** The previous question was ordered pursuant to the rule.
- **Sep 1, 2026:** Mrs. Dingell moved to recommit to the Committee on Natural Resources. (text: CR H5401)
- **Sep 1, 2026:** The previous question on the motion to recommit was ordered pursuant to clause 2(b) of rule XIX.
- **Sep 1, 2026:** POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on H.R. 9436, the Chair put the question on motion to recommit and by voice vote, announced the yeas had prevailed. Mrs. Dingell demanded the yeas and nays and the Chair postponed further proceedings until a time to be announced.
- **Sep 1, 2026:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H5408-5409)
- **Sep 1, 2026:** On motion to recommit Failed by the Yeas and Nays: 202 - 212 (Roll no. 290).
- **Sep 1, 2026:** Passed/agreed to in House: On passage Passed by the Yeas and Nays: 219 - 196 (Roll no. 291). (text: CR H5395)
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- **Sep 1, 2026:** On passage Passed by the Yeas and Nays: 219 - 196 (Roll no. 291).
- **Aug 31, 2026:** Rules Committee Resolution H. Res. 1499 Reported to House. Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 1501, H.R. 9436, H. Res. 1490 and H.R. 4795. The resolution provides for consideration of H.R. 1501, H.R. 9436, H.Res. 1490, and H.R. 4795 under a closed rule with one hour of general debate on each measure. The resolution provides for a motion to recommit on H.R. 1501, H.R. 9436, and H.R. 4795.
- **Aug 27, 2026:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Natural Resources. H. Rept. 119-766.
- **Aug 27, 2026:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 667.
- **Jul 15, 2026:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held
- **Jul 15, 2026:** Ordered to be Reported in the Nature of a Substitute (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 22 - 13.
- **Jun 24, 2026:** Introduced in House
- **Jun 24, 2026:** Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

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