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**SCIENCE FUNDING**

Bill #	Bill Title	Legislative Activity/Status
<a href="#"><u>H.R. 1301</u></a>	<b>Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2017</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2017, and for other purposes.</li> <li>• The Department of Defense includes the U.S. Navy (including the Office of Naval Research), the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, and the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency.</li> </ul>	Rep. Frelinghuysen, Rodney P. [R-NJ-11]  03/02/2017: Introduced in House.  03/08/2017: On passage Passed by the Yeas and Nays: 371 - 48 (Roll no. 136). (text: CR H1621-1639)  03/09/2017: Received in the Senate.
H.R.244	<b>FY2017 Omnibus</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>	

**NATURAL HAZARDS**

Bill #	Bill Title	Legislative Activity/Status
<a href="#"><u>H.R. 353</u></a>	<b>Weather Research and Forecasting Innovation Act of 2017</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A bill to improve the National Oceanic and Atmospheric</li> </ul>	Rep. Lucas, Frank D. [R-OK-3]

	<p>Administration’s weather research through a focused program of investment on affordable and attainable advances in observational, computing, and modeling capabilities to support substantial improvement in weather forecasting and prediction of high impact weather events, to expand commercial opportunities for the provision of weather data, and for other purposes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Incorporated major parts of the Tsunami Warning, Education, and Research Act of 2017 (H.R.312)</li> </ul>	<p>01/06/2017: Introduced in House. Referred to the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.</p> <p>01/09/2017: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR <a href="#">H208-214</a>)</p> <p>01/10/2017 Received in the Senate</p> <p>03/29/2017: Passed Senate with amendment by unanimous consent</p> <p>04/04/2017: Motion to suspend the rules and agree to Senate amendment Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR <a href="#">H2653-2667</a>; text as House agreed to Senate amendment: CR <a href="#">H2653-2663</a>)</p> <p>04/18/2017: Signed into law by President</p>
<p><a href="#">H.R. 879</a></p>	<p><b>Flood Insurance Integrity Act of 2017</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A bill to require the Government Accountability Office to conduct periodic reviews of the flood insurance rates and flood insurance rate maps under the national flood insurance program, and for other purposes.</li> </ul>	<p>Rep. Bilirakis, Gus M. [R-FL-12]</p> <p>02/06/2017: Introduced in House. Referred to the House Committee on Financial Services.</p>
<p><a href="#">H.R.1117</a></p>	<p><b>H.R.1117</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To require the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to submit a report regarding certain plans regarding assistance to applicants and grantees during the response to an emergency or disaster.</li> </ul>	<p>Rep. Hartzler, Vicky [R-MO-4]</p> <p>02/16/2017: Introduced in House. Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.</p> <p>03/09/2017: Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 13.</p>

		<p>03/27/2017: Motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 408 - 0 (<a href="#">Roll no. 195</a>). (text: CR <a href="#">H2448</a>)</p> <p>03/28/2017: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.</p>
<a href="#">H.R.312</a>	<p><b>Tsunami Warning, Education, and Research Act of 2017</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A bill to authorize and strengthen the tsunami detection, forecast, warning, research, and mitigation program of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and for other purposes.</li> </ul>	<p>Rep. Bonamici, Suzanne [D-OR-1]</p> <p>01/05/2017: Introduced in House. Referred to the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.</p>
<a href="#">H.R.654</a>	<p><b>Pacific Northwest Earthquake Preparedness Act of 2017</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A bill to direct the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to carry out a plan for the purchase and installation of an earthquake early warning system for the Cascadia Subduction Zone, and for other purposes.</li> <li>• The plan includes a Tsunami Task Force for developing a strategy on how the nation should prepare, mitigate, and recover from a tsunami.</li> </ul>	<p>Rep. DeFazio, Peter A. [D-OR-4]</p> <p>01/25/2017: Introduced in House. Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management.</p> <p>02/28/2017: Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held. Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.</p> <p>03/09/2017: Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. <a href="#">H. Rept. 115-30</a>. Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 12.</p> <p>03/27/2017: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 395 - 11 (<a href="#">Roll no. 196</a>). (text: CR <a href="#">H2450-2451</a>)</p>



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		03/28/2017: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
<a href="#">S.346</a>	<b>National Volcano Early Warning and Monitoring System Act</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A bill to provide for the establishment of the National Volcano Early Warning and Monitoring System.</li> <li>• The Secretary shall coordinate the activities under this Act with the heads of relevant Federal agencies, including the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.</li> </ul>	Sen. Murkowski, Lisa [R-AK]  02/08/2017: Introduced in Senate. Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure: <a href="#">CR S968-969</a> )
<a href="#">S.53</a>	<b>Tsunami Warning, Education, and Research Act of 2017</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A bill to authorize and strengthen the tsunami detection, forecast, warning, research, and mitigation program of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and for other purposes.</li> </ul>	Sen. Cantwell, Maria [D-WA]  01/05/2017: Introduced in Senate. Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
<a href="#">S.570</a>	<b>Weather Research and Forecasting Innovation Act of 2017</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A bill to improve the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's weather research through a focused program of investment on affordable and attainable advances in observational, computing, and modeling capabilities to support substantial improvement in weather forecasting and prediction of high impact weather events, to expand commercial opportunities for the provision of weather data, and for other purposes.</li> </ul>	Sen. Thune, John [R-SD]  03/08/2017: Introduced in Senate. Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

## OCEAN GOVERNANCE

Bill #	Bill Title	Legislative Activity/Status
<a href="#">H.R. 1430</a>	<b>HONEST Act</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To prohibit the Environmental Protection Agency from proposing, finalizing, or disseminating regulations or assessments based upon science that is not transparent or</li> </ul>	Rep. Smith, Lamar [R-TX-21]  03/08/2017: Introduced in House. Referred to the House Committee on Science, Space, and

	<p>reproducible.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Would require that data used for potential ocean-related federal regulations be publicly available and reproducible.</li> </ul>	<p>Technology.</p> <p>03/09/2017: Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held. Ordered to be Reported by the Yeas and Nays: 17 - 12.</p> <p>03/29/2017: On passage Passed by recorded vote: 228 - 194 (<a href="#">Roll no. 206</a>). (text: CR <a href="#">H2536</a>)</p> <p>03/30/2017: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.</p>
<p><a href="#">H.R.1358</a></p>	<p><b>Scientific Integrity Act</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A bill to protect scientific integrity in Federal research and policymaking, and for other purposes.</li> </ul>	<p>Rep. Tonko, Paul [D-NY-20]</p> <p>03/02/2017: Introduced in House. Referred to the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.</p>
<p><a href="#">H.R.1431</a></p>	<p><b>EPA Science Advisory Board Reform Act of 2017</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To amend the Environmental Research, Development, and Demonstration Authorization Act of 1978 to provide for Scientific Advisory Board member qualifications, public participation, and for other purposes.</li> <li>• Would require those who serve on the SAB to receive no funding from EPA – potentially impact ocean research. Would also prevent board members from applying for agency work or funding three years after serving on the SAB.</li> </ul>	<p>Rep. Lucas, Frank [R-OK]</p> <p>03/08/2017: Introduced in House. Referred to the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.</p> <p>03/09/2017: Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held. Ordered to be Reported by the Yeas and Nays: 19 - 14.</p> <p>03/30/2017: On passage Passed by recorded vote: 229 - 193 (<a href="#">Roll no. 208</a>). (text of measure as reported: CR <a href="#">H2564-2565</a>)</p>

		03/30/2017: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
<a href="#">S. 338</a>	<p><b>Scientific Integrity Act</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A bill to protect scientific integrity in Federal research and policymaking, and for other purposes.</li> </ul>	<p>Sen. Nelson, Bill [D-FL]</p> <p>02/07/2017: Introduced in Senate.</p>
<a href="#">S.141</a>	<p><b>Space Weather Research and Forecasting Act</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A bill to improve understanding and forecasting of space weather events, and for other purposes.</li> <li>• Improved forecasting technology of space weather events may translate to improved forecasting technology for coastal weather hazards on the ground.</li> </ul>	<p>Sen. Peters, Gary C. [D-MI]</p> <p>01/24/2017: Introduced in Senate. Referred to Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.</p> <p>01/24/2017: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.</p>
<a href="#">S.171</a>	<p><b>The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Commissioned Officer Corps Amendments and Hydrographic Services Improvement Act Reauthorization and Amendments Act of 2017</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To reauthorize and amend the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Commissioned Officer Corps Act of 2002, to reauthorize the Hydrographic Services Improvement Act of 1998, and for other purposes.</li> </ul>	<p>Sen. Sullivan, Dan [R-AK]</p> <p>01/17/2017: Introduced in Senate.</p> <p>01/24/2017: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.</p>
<a href="#">S.21</a>	<p><b>Regulations from the Executive in Need of Scrutiny Act of 2017</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A bill to amend chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, to provide that major rules of the executive branch shall have no force or effect unless a joint resolution of approval is enacted into law.</li> <li>• The act would require all major regulations with an annual economic impact over \$100 million be approved by the House and Senate within 70 legislative days of their</li> </ul>	<p>Sen. Paul, Rand [R-KY]</p> <p>01/04/2017: Introduced in Senate. Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.</p>

	presentation to Congress.	
<a href="#">S.33</a>	<p><b>Improved National Monument Designation Process Act</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A bill to provide for congressional approval of national monuments and restrictions on the use of national monuments, to establish requirements for the declaration of marine national monuments, and for other purposes.</li> </ul>	<p>Sen. Murkowski, Lisa [R-AK]</p> <p>01/05/2017: Introduced in Senate. Referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.</p>
<a href="#">S.34</a>	<p><b>Midnight Rules Relief Act</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A bill to amend chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, to provide for the en bloc consideration in resolutions of disapproval for "midnight rules", and for other purposes.</li> <li>The act would allow Congress to repeal, in a single vote, any rule finalized in the last 60 legislative days of an outgoing president's administration. For the Obama administration, this means regulations finalized since mid-June could be revoked; some rules concluded during this timeframe include restrictions on Arctic drilling, standards for seafood importation that protect whales and dolphins, guidelines on fisheries management, and management of oil and gas rights in Alaskan refuges.</li> </ul>	<p>Sen. Johnson, Ron [R-WI]</p> <p>01/05/2017: Introduced in Senate. Referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs</p>
<a href="#">S.577</a>	<p><b>Providing Accountability Through Transparency Act of 2017</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A bill to require each agency, in providing notice of a rule making, to include a link to a 100-word plain language summary of the proposed rule.</li> </ul>	<p>Sen. Lankford, James [R-OK]</p> <p>03/08/2017: Introduced in Senate. Referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.</p>
<a href="#">S.578</a>	<p><b>BEST Act</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide requirements for agency decision making based on science.</li> </ul>	<p>Sen. Lankford, James [R-OK]</p> <p>03/08/2017: Introduced in Senate. Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.</p>
<a href="#">S.579</a>	<p><b>Early Participation in Regulations Act of 2017</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A bill to require agencies to publish an advance notice of proposed rule making for major rules.</li> </ul>	<p>Sen. Lankford, James [R-OK]</p> <p>03/08/2017: Introduced in Senate. Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland</p>





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<a href="#">S.580</a>	<b>Truth in Regulations Act of 2017</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A bill to establish agency procedures for the issuance of guidance documents, and for other purposes.</li> <li>• The act would also require agencies to seek notice and public comment for all new rules issued.</li> </ul>	Sen. Lankford, James [R-OK]  03/08/2017: Introduced in Senate. Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

### OCEAN EDUCATION

Bill #	Bill Title	Legislative Activity/Status
<a href="#">H.R. 255</a>	<b>Promoting Women in Entrepreneurship Act</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A bill to authorize the National Science Foundation to support entrepreneurial programs for women.</li> </ul>	Rep. Esty, Elizabeth H. [D-CT-5]  01/04/2017: Introduced in House. Referred to the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.  01/10/2017: Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote.  02/14/2017: Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.  02/16/2017: Presented to President.  02/28/2017: Signed by President. Became Public Law No: 115-6.
<a href="#">H.R.1342</a>	<b>Federal Immigration Law Campus Compliance Act (FILCCA) of 2017</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To prohibit any institution of higher education that receives a Federal research and development grant and does not comply with a lawful request for information or detainment of an alien made by any officer or employee of the Federal</li> </ul>	Rep. Harris, Andy [R-MD-1]  03/17/2017: Introduced in House. Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security.



	<p>Government who is charged with enforcement of the immigration laws from receiving indirect cost reimbursement funding, and for other purposes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Federally funded research and development centers include national laboratories (e.g. National Center for Atmospheric Research, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory) and study and analysis centers (e.g. Center for Naval Analyses, Science and Technology Policy Institute).</li> </ul>	
<u>H.R.321</u>	<p><b>Inspiring the Next Space Pioneers, Innovators, Researchers, and Explorers (INSPIRE) Women Act</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A bill to inspire women to enter the aerospace field, including science, technology, engineering, and mathematics, through mentorship and outreach.</li> </ul>	<p>Rep. Comstock, Barbara [R-VA-10]</p> <p>01/05/2017: Introduced in House. Referred to the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.</p> <p>01/10/2017: Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote.</p> <p>02/14/2017: Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Voice Vote.</p> <p>02/16/2017: Presented to President.</p> <p>02/28/2017: Signed by President. Became Public Law No: 115-7.</p>
<u>H.R.431</u>	<p><b>Nuclear Energy Innovation Capabilities Act of 2017</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A bill to enable civilian research and development of advanced nuclear energy technologies by private and public institutions, to expand theoretical and practical knowledge of nuclear physics, chemistry, and materials science, and for other purposes.</li> </ul>	<p>Rep. Weber, Randy K., Sr. [R-TX-14]</p> <p>01/11/2017: Introduced in House. Referred to the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.</p>
<u>H.R.56</u>	<p><b>America RISING Act of 2017</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A bill to establish a grant program for stipends to assist in</li> </ul>	<p>Rep. Jackson Lee, Sheila [D-TX-18]</p>

	the cost of compensation paid by employers to certain recent college graduates and to provide funding for their further education in subjects relating to mathematics, science, engineering, and technology.	01/03/2017: Introduced in House. Referred to the House Committee on Education and the Workforce.
<a href="#">H.Res.44</a>	<p><b>H.Res.44</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Expressing support for designation of February 12, 2017, as “Darwin Day” and recognizing the importance of science in the betterment of humanity.</li> </ul>	<p>Rep. Himes, James A. [D-CT-4]</p> <p>01/11/2017: Introduced in House. Referred to the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.</p>
<a href="#">S.129</a>	<p><b>The National Sea Grant College Program Amendments Act of 2017</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A bill to reauthorize and amend the National Sea Grant College Program Act, and for other purposes.</li> </ul>	<p>Sen. Wicker, Roger F. [R-MS]</p> <p>01/12/2017: Introduced in Senate.</p> <p>01/24/2017: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.</p>
<a href="#">S.442</a>	<p><b>National Aeronautics and Space Administration Transition Authorization Act of 2017</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A bill to authorize the programs of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, and for other purposes.</li> </ul>	<p>Sen. Cruz, Ted [R-TX]</p> <p>02/17/2017: Introduced in the Senate, read twice, considered, read the third time, and passed without amendment by Unanimous Consent.</p> <p>03/07/2017: Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote.</p> <p>03/09/2017: Presented to President.</p> <p>03/21/2017: Signed by President.</p> <p>03/21/2017: Became Public Law No: 115-10.</p>

<a href="#">S.641</a>	<p><b>American Innovation Act</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A bill to prioritize funding for an expanded and sustained national investment in basic science research.</li> </ul>	<p>Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]</p> <p>03/15/2017: Introduced in Senate. Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Budget.</p>
<a href="#">S.Res.59</a>	<p><b>S.Res.59</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A bill expressing support for the designation of February 12, 2017, as “Darwin Day” and recognizing the importance of science in the betterment of humanity.</li> </ul>	<p>Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]</p> <p>02/10/2017: Introduced in Senate.</p>
<a href="#">S.Res.124</a>	<p><b>S.Res.124</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A bill expressing the sense of the Senate that the National Sea Grant College Program is a valuable program that protects and enhances the coastal communities and economy of the United States.</li> </ul>	<p>Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]</p> <p>04/07/2017: Introduced in the Senate.</p>

### CLIMATE CHANGE AND POLLUTION

Bill #	Bill Title	Legislative Activity/Status
<a href="#">H.R. 1179</a>	<p><b>Discouraging Frivolous Lawsuits Act</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act with respect to citizen suits and the specification of disposal sites, and for other purposes.</li> </ul>	<p>Rep. Rice, Tom [R-SC-7]</p> <p>02/17/2017: Introduced in House. Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment.</p>
<a href="#">H.R. 953</a>	<p><b>Reducing Regulatory Burdens Act of 2017</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A bill to amend the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to clarify Congressional intent regarding the regulation of the use of pesticides in or near navigable waters, and for other purposes.</li> </ul>	<p>Rep. Gibbs, Bob [R-OH-7]</p> <p>02/08/2017: Introduced in House. Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment.</p>
<a href="#">H.R.1154</a>	<p><b>Commercial Vessel Incidental Discharge Act</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A bill to amend and enhance certain maritime programs of the Department of Transportation.</li> </ul>	<p>Rep. Hunter, Duncan D. [R-CA-50]</p> <p>02/16/2017: Introduced in House.</p> <p>02/17/2017: Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment.</p>

<p><a href="#"><u>H.R.1261</u></a></p>	<p><b>Federal Regulatory Certainty for Water Act</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A bill to clarify the definition of navigable waters, and for other purposes.</li> <li>• The term “navigable waters” has previously been determined by the Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The rule’s purpose is to clarify which water bodies and wetlands are federally protected under the Clean Water Act.</li> </ul>	<p>Rep. Thornberry, Mac [R-TX-13]</p> <p>02/28/2017: Introduced in House. Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.</p> <p>03/01/2017: Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment.</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>H.R.1464</u></a></p>	<p><b>National Institute of Standards and Technology Surviving Unprecedented Climate Change Effects with Standard Setting (NIST SUCCESS) Act of 2017</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A bill to direct the National Institute of Standards and Technology to convene an effort to make available to standard-developing organizations a consistent, authoritative set of climate information, and for other purposes.</li> </ul>	<p>Rep. Cartwright, Matt [D-PA-17]</p> <p>03/09/2017: Introduced in House. Referred to the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>H.R.434</u></a></p>	<p><b>New WATER Act</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A bill to authorize a pilot project for an innovative water project financing program, and for other purposes.</li> <li>• Projects eligible for assistance include: brackish or sea water desalination projects.</li> </ul>	<p>Rep. Denham, Jeff [R-CA-10]</p> <p>01/11/2017: Introduced in House. Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.</p> <p>02/07/2017: Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans.</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>H.R.465</u></a></p>	<p><b>Water Quality Improvement Act of 2017</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to provide for an integrated planning and permitting process, and for other purposes.</li> </ul>	<p>Rep. Gibbs, Bob [R-OH-7]</p> <p>01/13/2017: Introduced in House. Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment.</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>H.R.673</u></a></p>	<p><b>No Tax Dollars for the United Nations' Climate Agenda Act</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A bill to prohibit United States contributions to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, and the Green Climate Fund.</li> </ul>	<p>Rep. Luetkemeyer, Blaine [R-MO-3]</p> <p>01/24/2017: Introduced in House. Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.</p>

<p><u>H.R.845</u></p>	<p><b>Ocean Acidification Research Partnerships Act</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A bill to provide for ocean acidification collaborative research grant opportunities.</li> </ul>	<p>Rep. Carbajal, Salud O. [D-CA-24]</p> <p>02/03/2017: Introduced in House. Referred to the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.</p>
<p><u>H.Res.195</u></p>	<p><b>Expressing the commitment of the House of Representatives to conservative environmental stewardship.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The House of Representatives commits to create and support economically viable solutions to the effects of measured changes to our global and regional climates, including mitigation efforts and efforts to balance human activities that have been found to have an impact.</li> </ul>	<p>Rep. Stefanik, Elise M. [R-NY-21]</p> <p>03/13/2017: Introduced in House. Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.</p> <p>03/17/2017: Referred to the Subcommittee on Environment</p>
<p><u>H.Res.85</u></p>	<p><b>H.Res.85</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Expressing the commitment of the House of Representatives to continue to support pledges made by the United States in the Paris Agreement.</li> </ul>	<p>Rep. Krishnamoorthi, Raja [D-IL-8]</p> <p>02/02/2017: Introduced in House. Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.</p>
<p><u>S.168</u></p>	<p><b>Commercial Vessel Incidental Discharge Act</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A bill to amend and enhance certain maritime programs of the Department of Transportation.</li> </ul>	<p>Sen. Wicker, Roger F. [R-MS]</p> <p>01/17/2017: Introduced in Senate. Referred to Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.</p> <p>01/24/2017: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.</p> <p>03/30/2017: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Reported by Senator Thune without amendment. With written <a href="#">report No. 115-16</a>.</p>
<p><u>S.340</u></p>	<p><b>Sensible Environmental Protection Act of 2017</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A bill to clarify Congressional intent regarding the</li> </ul>	<p>Sen. Crapo, Mike [R-ID]</p>



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	regulation of the use of pesticides in or near navigable waters, and for other purposes.	02/07/2017: Introduced in Senate. Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
<u>S.J.Res.10</u>	<p><b>S.J.Res.10</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the final rule submitted by the Secretary of the Interior relating to the Stream Protection Rule finalized on December 20, 2016.</li> <li>• The rule addresses the impacts of surface coal mining operations on surface groundwater, rivers, and streams.</li> </ul>	<p>Sen. McConnell, Mitch [R-KY]</p> <p>01/30/2017: Introduced in Senate. Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.</p>
<u>S.Res.12</u>	<p><b>S.Res.12</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that clean water is a national priority, and that the June 29, 2015, Waters of the United States Rule should be withdrawn or vacated.</li> </ul>	<p>Sen. Fischer, Deb [R-NE]</p> <p>01/12/2017: Introduced in Senate. Referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.</p>

### OIL PRODUCTION AND SPILL RESPONSE

Bill #	Bill Title	Legislative Activity/Status
<u>H.R.169</u>	<p><b>West Coast Ocean Protection Act of 2017</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A bill to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to permanently prohibit the conduct of offshore drilling on the outer Continental Shelf off the coast of California, Oregon, and Washington.</li> </ul>	<p>Rep. Huffman, Jared [D-CA-2]</p> <p>02/10/2017: Introduced in House. Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources.</p> <p>02/10/2017: Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources.</p>
<u>H.R.458</u>	<p><b>Preserve Our Lakes and Keep Our Environment Safe Act</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A bill to require the Secretary of Transportation to conduct a study on the economic and environmental risks to the Great Lakes of spills or leaks of oil, and for other purposes.</li> </ul>	<p>Rep. Trott, David A. [R-MI-11]</p> <p>01/11/2017: Introduced in House.</p> <p>01/25/2017: Referred to the Subcommittee on Environment.</p>

<p><u>S. 31</u></p>	<p><b>West Coast Ocean Protection Act of 2017</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A bill to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to permanently prohibit the conduct of offshore drilling on the outer Continental Shelf off the coast of California, Oregon, and Washington.</li> </ul>	<p>Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]</p> <p>01/04/2017: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure: <a href="#">CR S61-62</a>)</p>
<p><u>S.125</u></p>	<p><b>Foreign Spill Protection Act of 2017</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A bill to amend the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 to impose penalties and provide for the recovery of removal costs and damages in connection with certain discharges of oil from foreign offshore units, and for other purposes.</li> </ul>	<p>Sen. Murkowski, Lisa [R-AK]</p> <p>01/12/2017: Introduced in Senate. Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.</p>
<p><u>S.316</u></p>	<p><b>Protecting States' Rights to Promote American Energy Security Act</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A bill to amend the Mineral Leasing Act to recognize the authority of States to regulate oil and gas operations and promote American energy security, development, and job creation, and for other purposes.</li> <li>• Leases include lands beneath non-tidal navigable waters in the Territory of Alaska</li> </ul>	<p>Sen. Hatch, Orrin G. [R-UT]</p> <p>02/06/2017: Introduced in Senate. Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.</p>
<p><u>S.49</u></p>	<p><b>Alaska Oil and Gas Production Act</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A bill to provide for a leasing program within the Coastal Plain, and for other purposes.</li> <li>• Terms state production activities on the Coastal Plain will result in no significant adverse effect on fish and wildlife, their habitat.</li> </ul>	<p>Sen. Murkowski, Lisa [R-AK]</p> <p>01/05/2017: Introduced in Senate. Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure: <a href="#">CR S115-116</a>)</p>
<p><u>S.665</u></p>	<p><b>Unleashing American Energy Act of 2017</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A bill to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to authorize additional lease sales to be added to an approved 5-year leasing program.</li> </ul>	<p>Sen. Cassidy, Bill [R-LA]</p> <p>03/15/2017: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.</p>
<p><u>S.74</u></p>	<p><b>Marine Oil Spill Prevention Act</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A bill to improve the ability of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the Coast Guard, and coastal</li> </ul>	<p>Sen. Nelson, Bill [D-FL]</p> <p>01/09/2017: Introduced in Senate. Referred to</p>



	States to sustain healthy ocean and coastal ecosystems by maintaining and sustaining their capabilities relating to oil spill preparedness, prevention, response, and for other purposes.	the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
<b>H.R. 2002</b>	<p><b>Florida Coastal Protection Act</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A bill to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to prohibit oil and gas preleasing, leasing, and related activities in certain areas of the Outer Continental Shelf off the coast of Florida.</li> </ul>	<p>Rep. Castor, Kathy [D-FL-14]</p> <p>04/06/2017: Introduced in the House. Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.</p>
<b>H.R.1784</b>	<p><b>Stop Arctic Ocean Drilling Act of 2017</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A bill to prohibit drilling in the Arctic Ocean.</li> </ul>	<p>Rep. Huffman, Jared [D-CA-2]</p> <p>03/29/2017: Introduced in the House. Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.</p> <p>04/06/2017: Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources.</p>
<b>S.750</b>	<p><b>Keep It in the Ground Act of 2017</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A bill to prohibit drilling in the outer Continental Shelf, to prohibit coal leases on Federal land.</li> </ul>	<p>Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]</p> <p>03/28/2017: Introduced in the Senate. Referred to the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.</p>

### OCEAN AND COASTAL MANAGEMENT

Bill #	Bill Title	Legislative Activity/Status
<u>H.R. 200</u>	<p><b>Strengthening Fishing Communities and Increasing Flexibility in Fisheries Management Act</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A bill to amend the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to provide flexibility for fishery managers and stability for fishermen, and for other purposes.</li> </ul>	<p>Rep. Young, Don [R-AK-At Large]</p> <p>01/03/2017: Introduced in House. Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.</p> <p>02/10/2017: Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans.</p>
<u>H.R. 204</u>	<p><b>Genetically Engineered Salmon Labeling Act</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A bill to amend the market name of genetically altered</li> </ul>	<p>Rep. Young, Don [R-AK-At Large]</p>

	salmon in the United States, and for other purposes.	01/03/2017: Introduced in House. Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.  01/25/2017: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
<u>H.R. 205</u>	<b>H.R. 205</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to require labeling of genetically engineered fish.</li> </ul>	Rep. Young, Don [R-AK-At Large]  01/03/2017: Introduced in House. Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.  01/25/2017: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
<u>H.R. 206</u>	<b>Prevention of Escapement of Genetically Altered Salmon in the United States Act</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A bill to prevent the escapement of genetically altered salmon in the United States, and for other purposes.</li> </ul>	Rep. Young, Don [R-AK-At Large]  01/03/2017: Introduced in House. Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.  02/10/2017: Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans.
<u>H.R. 214</u>	<b>American Fisheries Advisory Committee Act</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A bill to establish the American Fisheries Advisory Committee to assist in the awarding of fisheries research and development grants, and for other purposes.</li> </ul>	Rep. Young, Don [R-AK-At Large]  01/03/2017: Introduced in House. Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.  02/10/2017: Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans.
<u>H.R. 223</u>	<b>H.R. 223</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A bill to prohibit the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Commerce from authorizing commercial finfish aquaculture operations in the Exclusive Economic Zone except in accordance with a law authorizing such action.</li> </ul>	Rep. Young, Don [R-AK-At Large]  01/03/2017: Introduced in House. Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.  02/10/2017: Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans.

<p><a href="#">H.R. 234</a></p>	<p><b>Maritime Lien Reform Act</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A bill to provide limitations on maritime liens on fishing permits, and for other purposes.</li> </ul>	<p>Rep. Young, Don [R-AK-At Large]</p> <p>01/03/2017: Introduced in House. Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.</p> <p>01/04/2017: Referred to the Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation.</p>
<p><a href="#">H.R.1176</a></p>	<p><b>Keep America's Waterfronts Working Act</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A bill to amend the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 to establish a Working Waterfront Task Force and a working waterfronts grant program, and for other purposes.</li> </ul>	<p>Rep. Pingree, Chellie [D-ME-1]</p> <p>02/16/2017: Introduced in House.</p> <p>03/03/2017: Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans.</p>
<p><a href="#">H.R.1580</a></p>	<p><b>Great Lakes Fishery Research Authorization Act of 2017</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A bill to authorize the Director of the United States Geological Survey to conduct monitoring, assessment, science, and research, in support of the binational fisheries within the Great Lakes Basin, and for other purposes.</li> </ul>	<p>Rep. Quigley, Mike [D-IL-5]</p> <p>03/16/2017: Introduced in House. Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.</p> <p>03/27/2017: Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans</p>
<p><a href="#">H.R.961</a></p>	<p><b>Ban Aquaculture in the Great Lakes Act</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To prohibit aquaculture in the Great Lakes.</li> </ul>	<p>Rep. Kildee, Daniel T. [D-MI-5]</p> <p>02/24/2017: Introduced in House. Referred to the Subcommittee on Livestock and Foreign Agriculture.</p>
<p><a href="#">H.R.962</a></p>	<p><b>Preserve Fishing on Wild and Scenic River Act</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A bill to prohibit operation of aquaculture facilities that contribute to pollution of wild and scenic rivers.</li> </ul>	<p>Rep. Kildee, Daniel T. [D-MI-5]</p> <p>02/07/2017: Introduced in House. Referred to House Agriculture.</p> <p>02/24/2017: Referred to Subcommittee on</p>

		Livestock and Foreign Agriculture
<a href="#">S.110</a>	<p><b>Digital Coast Act</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A bill to require the Secretary of Commerce, acting through the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, to establish a constituent-driven program to provide a digital information platform capable of efficiently integrating coastal data with decision-support tools, training, and best practices and to support collection of priority coastal geospatial data to inform and improve local, State, regional, and Federal capacities to manage the coastal region, and for other purposes.</li> </ul>	<p>Sen. Baldwin, Tammy [D-WI]</p> <p>01/12/2017: Introduced in Senate. Referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.</p> <p>01/24/2017: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.</p> <p>03/30/2017: Reported by Senator Thune without amendment</p>
<a href="#">S.675</a>	<p><b>Long Island Sound Restoration and Stewardship Act</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A bill to amend and reauthorize certain provisions relating to Long Island Sound restoration and stewardship.</li> </ul>	<p>Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY]</p> <p>03/21/2017: Introduced in Senate. Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.</p> <p>04/05/2017: Committee on Environment and Public Works. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.</p>
<a href="#">H.R. 1893</a>	<p><b>Great Lakes and Fresh Water Algal Bloom Information Act</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A bill to require NOAA to create an electronic database of research and information on the causes of, and corrective actions being taken with regard to, algal blooms in the Great Lakes, their tributaries, and other surface fresh waters.</li> </ul>	<p>Rep. Latta, Robert E. [R-OH-5]</p> <p>04/04/2017: Introduced in the House. Referred to the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology; Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.</p>
<a href="#">S. 859</a>	<p><b>Great Lakes Fishery Research Authorization Act of 2017</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A bill to authorize the Director of the United States Geological Survey to conduct monitoring, assessment, science, and research, in support of the binational fisheries within the Great Lakes Basin, and for other purposes.</li> </ul>	<p>Sen. Peters, Gary C. [D-MI]</p> <p>04/05/2017: Introduced in the Senate.</p>

## MARINE CONSERVATION

Bill #	Bill Title	Legislative Activity/Status
<a href="#">H.R. 222</a>	<p><b>H.R. 222</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A bill to amend the National Marine Sanctuaries Act to prescribe an additional requirement for the designation of marine sanctuaries off the coast of Alaska, and for other purposes.</li> </ul>	<p>Rep. Young, Don [R-AK-At Large]</p> <p>01/03/2017: Introduced in House. Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.</p> <p>02/10/2017: Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans.</p>
<a href="#">H.R. 224</a>	<p><b>Polar Bear Conservation and Fairness Act</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A bill to amend the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 to allow importation of polar bear trophies taken in sport hunts in Canada before the date the polar bear was determined to be a threatened species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, and for other purposes.</li> </ul>	<p>Rep. Young, Don [R-AK-At Large]</p> <p>01/03/2017: Introduced in House. Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.</p> <p>02/10/2017: Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans.</p>
<a href="#">H.R. 225</a>	<p><b>Restoration of the U.S.-Russia Polar Bear Conservation Fund Act</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A bill to amend the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 to allow the importation of polar bear trophies taken in sport hunts in Canada.</li> </ul>	<p>Rep. Young, Don [R-AK-At Large]</p> <p>01/03/2017: Introduced in House. Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.</p> <p>02/10/2017: Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans.</p>
<a href="#">H.R.1518</a>	<p><b>Maritime Washington National Heritage Area Act</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A bill to establish the Maritime Washington National Heritage Area in the State of Washington, and for other purposes.</li> </ul>	<p>Rep. Kilmer, Derek [D-WA-6]</p> <p>03/13/2017: Introduced in House. Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.</p> <p>03/20/17: Referred to Subcommittee on Federal Lands.</p>



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<a href="#">S.627</a>	<p><b>Maritime Washington National Heritage Area Act</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A bill to establish the Maritime Washington National Heritage Area in the State of Washington, and for other purposes.</li> </ul>	<p>Sen. Cantwell, Maria [D-WA]</p> <p>03/14/2017: Introduced in Senate. Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.</p>
<a href="#">H.Res.273</a>	<p><b>H.Res.273</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A bill to support the principles and goals of the March for Science on Earth Day, April 22, 2017</li> </ul>	<p>Rep. Johnson, Eddie Bernice [D-TX-30]</p> <p>04/20/2017: Introduced in the House.</p>

**OCEAN EXPLORATION AND OBSERVATION**

<b>Bill #</b>	<b>Bill Title</b>	<b>Legislative Activity/Status</b>
<a href="#">H.R. 221</a>	<p><b>Hydrographic Services Improvement Amendments Act</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A bill to reauthorize the Hydrographic Services Improvement Act of 1998, and for other purposes.</li> </ul>	<p>Rep. Young, Don [R-AK-At Large]</p> <p>01/03/2017: Introduced in House. Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.</p> <p>02/10/2017: Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans.</p>
<a href="#">H.R. 237</a>	<p><b>Integrated Coastal and Ocean Observation System Act Amendments of 2017</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A bill to reauthorize the Integrated Coastal and Ocean Observation System Act of 2009, and for other purposes.</li> </ul>	<p>Rep. Young, Don [R-AK-At Large]</p> <p>01/03/2017: Introduced in House. Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.</p> <p>02/10/2017: Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans.</p>

**ENERGY AND MINERAL RESOURCES**

<b>Bill #</b>	<b>Bill Title</b>	<b>Legislative Activity/Status</b>
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<p><u>H.R. 49</u></p>	<p><b>American Energy Independence and Job Creation Act</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to establish and implement a competitive oil and gas leasing program that will result in an environmentally sound program for the exploration, development, and production of the oil and gas resources of the Coastal Plain of Alaska, and for other purposes.</li> <li>• Terms state production activities on the Coastal Plain will result in no significant adverse effect on fish and wildlife, or their habitat.</li> </ul>	<p>Rep. Young, Don [R-AK-At Large]</p> <p>01/03/2017: Introduced in House. Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committees on Energy and Commerce, and Science, Space, and Technology.</p> <p>02/10/2017: Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources.</p>
<p><u>H.R. 589</u></p>	<p><b>Department of Energy Research and Innovation Act</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A bill to establish Department of Energy policy for science and energy research and development programs, and reform National Laboratory management and technology transfer programs, and for other purposes.</li> <li>• The bill includes the first comprehensive authorization of the Office of Science which will manage 10 national labs and is the country's largest supporter of basic research in the physical sciences.</li> <li>• Marine renewables are found in the Department of Energy.</li> </ul>	<p>Rep. Smith, Lamar [R-TX-21]</p> <p>01/20/2017: Introduced in House.</p> <p>01/24/2017: Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.</p> <p>01/30/2017: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.</p>