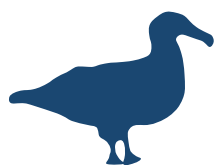




## Seabirds & Oceans Legislative Priorities



### Albatross and Petrel Conservation Act

Bill Number(s): [H.R.4057](#)\*

Status: Awaiting Reintroduction

- Adds the US a participating party to the Agreement for the Conservation of Albatrosses and Petrels (ACAP), which protects 31 species of seabirds by reducing fisheries bycatch. The US is a world leader in reducing seabird by-catch and can influence other nations to increase their protection efforts.

### Sustaining America's Fisheries for the Future Act

Bill Number(s): [H.R.4690](#)\*

Status: Awaiting Reintroduction

Congressional Leader(s): Rep. Jared Huffman (D-CA)

- Updates and reauthorizes the Magnuson-Stevens Act (MSA) to better account for climate change, improve regional management, & help rebuild depleted fisheries.



### Hawaii Native Species Conservation and Recovery Act of 2023

Bill Number(s): [S.1145/H.R.2459](#)

Status: Introduced in both chambers

Congressional Leader(s): Sens. Brian Schatz (D-HI) and Mazie Hirono (D-HI) and Reps. Ed Case (D-HI) and Jill Tokuda (D-HI)

- Establishes a grant program to support conservation and recovery of native plant and animal species in Hawai'i.

### Break Free From Plastic Pollution Act of 2021

Bill Number(s): [S.984](#)\*/[H.R.2238](#)\*

Status: Awaiting Reintroduction

Congressional Leader(s): Sen. Jeff Merkley (D-OR) and Alan Lowenthal (Retired)

- Reduces single-use plastics, increase product producer responsibility for waste and pollution, and improve recycling by amending the Solid Waste Disposal Act.





## Save Our Seas 2.0 Amendments Act

Bill Number(s): [S.318/H.R.886](#)

Status: Awaiting Floor Votes in Both Chambers

Congressional Leader(s): Sens. Dan Sullivan (R-AK) and Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI) and Reps. Menendez (D-NJ), Bonamici (D-OR) and González-Colón (R-PR)

- Makes technical changes to improve the administration of the Save Our Seas 2.0 Act, Marine Debris Act, & the congressionally-chartered Marine Debris Foundation. Gives NOAA more flexibility in delivering federal resources and establishing cooperative agreements for marine debris prevention & clean up.

## Arctic Refuge Protection Act

Bill Number(s): [S.282/H.R.724](#)

Status: Introduced in both chambers

Congressional Leader(s): Sens. Ed Markey (D-MA), Maria Cantwell (D-WA), Martin Heinrich (D-NM), Michael Bennet (D-CO) and Reps. Jared Huffman (D-CA) and Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA)

- Amends Public Law 115–97 (Tax Cuts and Jobs Act) to repeal the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge oil and gas program and preserve the Arctic coastal plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge as wilderness.



## Coastal Habitat Conservation Act of 2023

Bill Number(s): [S.1381/H.R.2950](#)

Status: Introduced in Senate

Congressional Leader(s): Sens. Ben Cardin (D-MD) and Lindsey Graham (R-SC) and Reps. Huffman (D-CA) and González-Colón (R-PR)

- Authorizes the Coastal Program (USFWS) to conduct collaborative landscape-level planning & on-the-ground coastal habitat assessment, protection, restoration, & enhancement projects in priority coastal landscapes that provide fish & wildlife habitat.



## BLUE GLOBE Act

Bill Number(s): [S.140\\*/H.R.3748\\*](#)

Status: Awaiting Reintroduction

Congressional Leader(s): Sens. Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI) and Lisa Murkowski (R-AK) and Rep. Suzanne Bonamici (D-OR)

- Increases domestic and international coordination to enhance data management, add technology programs to combat illegal, unreported, & unregulated fishing, modify ocean science workforce requirements to increase workforce diversity, & reauthorize various NOAA hydrographic programs.



## American Seabed Protection Act

Bill Number(s): [H.R.4537](#)

Status: Introduced in House

Congressional Leader(s): Rep. Ed Case (D-HI); original cosponsors - Reps. Grijalva, Huffman, Bonamici, Lee, and Pingree

- Prohibits certain mining activities on the deep seabed and Outer Continental Shelf. Enters NOAA into an agreement with the National Academies of Science, Engineering, and Medicine to conduct a comprehensive study of the environmental impacts of mining activities.

