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(This list of bills is based on staff research. If you know of legislation that should be added to the list, please contact Tim Anderson at 630/925-1922 or tanderson@csg.org. The list was last updated September 3.)

Bill Number	Description	Primary sponsor/author	Status
H. Res 551	expressing the sense of the House that the congressionally approved Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River Basin Compact prohibits the sale, diversion, or export of water from states in the Great Lakes Basin	Rep. Bart Stupak	referred to Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law
H.R. 21 (Ocean Conservation, Education and National Strategy for the 21st Century Act)	establish an ocean and Great Lakes conservation fund	Rep. Sam Farr	referred to two subcommittees
H.R. 51 (Eradicating Asian Carp in the Great Lakes Study Act)	conduct study of feasibility of variety of approaches to eradicating Asian carp from Great Lakes and their tributary and connecting waters	Rep. Mark Kirk	referred to Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife
H.R. 53 (Bad Polluters Act)	amend the IRS code to deny refinery expensing to owners of refineries that are permitted to increase the discharge of pollutants into the Great Lakes	Rep. Mark Kirk	referred to Committee on Ways and Means
H.R. 54 (Great Lakes Water Protection Act)	establish a deadline for restricting sewage dumping into the Great Lakes and fund programs and activities for improving wastewater discharges into the Great Lakes	Rep. Mark Kirk	referred to Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
H.R.135 (21st Century Water Commission Act)	create commission that develops strategies to ensure future water needs are met	Rep. John Linder	referred to Subcommittee on Water and Power
H.R. 146 (Public Lands Management Act)	designate Beaver Basin area at Michigan's Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore as wilderness (among many other provisions in Public Lands Management Act)	Rep. Rush Holt	signed into law (No. 111-11)
H.R. 276 (Drug Free Water Act)	direct EPA to convene task force to develop recommendations on proper disposal of unused pharmaceuticals	Rep. Candice Miller	referred to Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment
H.R. 300 (NOAA Act)	codify National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration in one authorization	Rep. Vernon Ehlers	referred to Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife
H.R. 365 (Ocean and Coastal Mapping Integration Act)	establish a program to develop a coordinated and comprehensive federal ocean and coastal mapping plan for the Great Lakes and coastal state waters	Rep. Madeleine Bordallo	included in H.R. 146 , which was signed into law
H.R. 366 (Ocean Research and Exploration Enhancement Act)	establish national undersea research program within National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration	Rep. Sam Farr	referred to Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife
H.R. 367 (Integrated Coastal and Ocean Observation System Act)	establish national integrated system of ocean, coastal and Great Lakes observing systems	Rep. Lois Capps	included in H.R. 146 , which was signed into law

H.R. 368 (Coastal and Estuarine Land Conservation Program Act)	in cooperation with states, authorize acquisition of land from willing sellers in coastal and estuarine areas to benefit environment and local economies	Rep. Lois Capps	Coastal and Estuarine Land Protection program authorized in H.R. 146 , which was signed into law
H.R. 500 (Great Lakes Collaboration Implementation Act)	establish a collaborative program to protect the Great Lakes	Rep. Vernon Ehlers	referred to Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife
H.R. 669 (Nonnative Wildlife Invasion Prevention Act)	prevent introduction and establishment of nonnative wildlife species	Rep. Madeleine Bordallo	referred to Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife
H.R. 753 (Sewage Overflow Community Right-to-Know Act)	ensure that publicly owned treatment works monitor for and report sewer overflows	Rep. Timothy Bishop	referred to Subcommittee on Water Resources and the Environment
H.R.895 (Water Quality Investment Act)	amend Federal Water Pollution Control Act to reauthorize the sewer overflow control grants program	Rep. Bill Pascrell	referred to Subcommittee on Water Resources and the Environment
H.R. 905	expand boundaries of Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary and Underwater Preserve	Rep. Bart Stupak	reported by Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife
H.R.1145	implement a National Water Research and Development Initiative	Rep. Bart Gordon	passed by House
H.R. 1262 (Water Quality Investment Act)	authorize \$750 million over next five years to clean up Great Lakes “Areas of Concern” (also recapitalizes state Clean Water Revolving Fund)	Rep. James Oberstar	passed by House
H.R.1841 (Acid Rain and Mercury Control Act)	amend Clean Air Act to reduce sulfur dioxide, nitrogen oxide and mercury emissions	Rep. John McHugh	referred to Subcommittee on Department Operations, Oversight, Nutrition and Forestry
H.R. 1905 (Coastal State Climate Change Planning Act)	establish climate-change planning and response program to address “stress factors ... including fluctuating Great Lakes water levels.”	Rep. Lois Capps	referred to Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife
H.R. 2065 (Mercury Pollution Reduction Act)	phase out use of mercury in the manufacture of chlorine and caustic soda	Rep. Jane Schakowsky	referred to House Committee on Energy and Commerce
H.R. 2093 (Clean Coastal Environment and Public Health Act)	require new beach water quality testing and public notification standards	Rep. Frank Pallone	passed by House
H.R. 2996	funding for Great Lakes Restoration Initiative	Rep. Norman Dicks	passed by House; reported by Senate committee
S .22	designate Beaver Basin area at Michigan’s Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore as wilderness	Sen. Jeff Bingaman	passed by Senate (see H.R. 146 , which was signed into law)
S .109 (Beaver Basin Wilderness Act)	designate Beaver Basin area at Michigan’s Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore as wilderness	Sen. Carl Levin	see H.R. 146 , which was signed into law
S 170 (Coastal and Estuarine Land Protection Act)	provide grants to states to protect environmental integrity of undeveloped coastal and estuarine areas	Sen. Judd Gregg	Coastal and Estuarine Land Protection program authorized in H.R. 146 , which was signed into law
S 171 (Coastal and Ocean Observation System Act)	develop and maintain an integrated system of coastal and ocean observations for the Nation’s coasts, oceans, and Great Lakes	Sen. Olympia Snowe	included in H.R. 146 , which was signed into law
S. 172 (NOAA Ocean Exploration and Undersea Research Program Act)	establish coordinated national ocean exploration program within National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration	Sen. Olympia Snowe	included in H.R. 146 , which was signed into law

S. 174 (Ocean and Coastal Mapping Integration Act)	establish a program to develop a coordinated and comprehensive federal ocean and coastal mapping plan for the Great Lakes and coastal state waters	Sen. Daniel Inouye	included in H.R. 146 , which was signed into law
S. 237 (Great Lakes Collaboration Implementation Act)	establish a collaborative program to protect the Great Lakes	Sen. Carl Levin	referred to Committee on Environment and Public Works
S. 380	expand boundaries of Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary and Underwater Preserve	Sen. Carl Levin	placed on Senate Legislative Calendar
S. 675	prohibit sale of dishwashing detergent if detergent contains high level of phosphorus	Sen. Carl Levin	referred to Committee on Environment and Public Works
S. 787 (Clean Water Restoration Act)	clarify jurisdiction of federal government over waters of United States	Sen. Russ Feingold	reported by Committee on Environment and Public Works
S. 810 (Ocean and Coastal Adaptation Planning Act)	establish regional institutes as centers of excellence to assess and prepare for impacts of climate change on ocean and coastal areas, including Great Lakes	Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse	referred to Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation
S. 854 (Clean Water Affordability Act)	help financially distressed communities update their aging sewer infrastructure	Sen. George Voinovich	referred to Committee on Environment and Public Works
S. 858 (National Oceans Protection Act)	create national policy to protect health of oceans and Great Lakes; establish regional Great Lakes Trust Fund to promote state and federal collaboration	Sen. Barbara Boxer	referred to Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation
S. 878 (Clean Coastal Environment and Public Health Act)	require new beach water quality testing and public notification standards	Sen. Frank Lautenberg	reported by Committee on Environment and Public Works
S. 933 (Contaminated Sediment Remediation Reauthorization Act)	amend Great Lakes Legacy Act of 2002 to reauthorize programs to address remediation of contaminated sediment	Sen. Carl Levin	reported by Committee on Environment and Public Works
S. 936 (Water Quality Investment Act)	amend Federal Water Pollution Control Act to authorize appropriations for sewer overflow control grants	Sen. Carl Levin	referred to Committee on Environment and Public Works
S. 937 (Sewage Overflow Right-to-Know Act)	ensure that sewage treatment plants monitor for and report discharges of raw sewage	Sen. Frank Lautenberg	referred to Committee on Environment and Public Works
S. 952	develop and promote comprehensive plan and national strategy to address harmful algal blooms	Sen. Olympia Snowe	reported by Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation
S. 1005 (Water Infrastructure Financing Act)	improve U.S. water and wastewater infrastructure	Sen. Benjamin Cardin	reported by Committee on Environment and Public Works
S. 1252 (Oceans and Human Health Reauthorization Act)	promote ocean, Great Lakes and human health	Sen. John D. Rockefeller IV	referred to Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation