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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. List was last updated Dec. 14, 2010.)

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 21 st 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 (21 st 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; research and education contributing to the stewardship of the Great Lakes	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 NOAA; increase scientific knowledge essential for informed management, use, and preservation of oceanic, marine, and coastal areas and the Great Lakes	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. 631 (Water Use Efficiency and Conservation Research Act)	require the EPA to establish a research and development program to promote water use, efficiency and conservation	Rep. Jim Matheson	passed by House
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 (Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary and Underwater Preserve Boundary Modification Act)	expand boundaries of Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary and Underwater Preserve	Rep. Bart Stupak	passed by House
H.R. 1145 (National Water Research and Development Initiative Act)	implement a National Water Research and Development Initiative	Rep. Bart Gordon	passed by House
H.R. 1191 (Safe Disposal Drug Act)	amend Controlled Substances Act to provide for disposal of controlled substances by ultimate users and care takers through state take-back disposal programs	Rep. Jay Inslee	referred to Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism and Homeland Security
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. 2969 (Water System Adaptation Partnerships Act)	make grants to water systems to improve water efficiency, conservation and quality and to study impact of climate change on water systems	Rep. Lois Capps	referred to Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment
H.R. 2996	funding for Great Lakes Restoration Initiative	Rep. Norman Dicks	signed into law
H.R. 3183	appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies; implement measures to prevent aquatic nuisance species from bypassing Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal Dispersal Barrier Project and dispersing into Great Lakes	Rep. Ed Pastor	signed into law
H.R. 3202 (Water Protection and Reinvestment Act)	establish fund (with money coming from tax on water-based beverages, water disposal products and drug companies and a clean water tax on corporations) to support investments in clean water and drinking water infrastructure	Rep. Earl Blumenauer	referred to Subcommittee on Energy and Environment
H.R. 3534 (Land, Energy, and Aquatic Resources Act)	establish Ocean, Coastal and Great Lakes Grants Program	Rep. Nick Rahall	passed by House
H.R. 3650 (Harmful Algal Blooms and Hypoxia Research and Control Amendments Act)	develop and promote comprehensive plan and national strategy to address harmful algal blooms	Rep. Brian Baird	passed by House
H.R. 3727 (WATER Act)	require EPA to fund directed and applied research (conducted through a nonprofit water research foundation) to assist drinking water utilities in adapting to effects of climate change	Rep. Diana DeGette	referred to Subcommittee on Energy and Environment
H.R. 3747 (Water Efficiency, Conservation, and Adaptation Act)	establish within EPA a WaterSense program to identify and promote water-efficient products, buildings, landscapes, facilities, processes, and services	Rep. Shelley Berkley	referred to Subcommittee on Water and Power
H.R. 3946	amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to prohibit sale of dishwashing detergent in if it contains a high level of phosphorus	Rep. Bart Stupak	referred to Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment
H.R. 4472 (Close All Routes and Prevent Asian Carp Act)	direct Secretary of the Army to take action with respect to the Chicago waterway system to prevent migration of bighead and silver carps into Lake Michigan	Rep. Dave Camp	referred to Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
H.R. 4558 (Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore Conservation and Recreation Act)	designate as wilderness certain lands and inland waters within Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore	Rep. Peter Hoekstra	referred to Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands
H.R. 4604 (Asian Carp Action Plan Act)	direct Secretary of the Army to prevent spread of Asian carp into Great Lakes	Rep. Peter Hoekstra	referred to Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
H.R. 4715 (Clean Estuaries Act)	reauthorize National Estuary Program	Rep. Timothy Bishop	passed by House
H.R. 4755 (Great Lakes Ecosystem Restoration Act)	amend Federal Water Pollution Control Act to protect and restore Great Lakes	Rep. Vernon Ehlers	referred to Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
H.R. 4876 (Great Lakes Restoration Semipostal Stamp Act)	create a “semipostal,” or fundraising, stamp that allows members of the public to contribute to operations supported by the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative	Rep. Kathleen Dahlkemper	referred to Committee on Oversight and Government Reform
H.R. 5521	extend credits related to production of electricity from offshore wind	Rep. Mike Castle	referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H.R. 5625 (Permanent Prevention of Asian Carp Act)	require the Secretary of the Army to study the feasibility of the hydrological separation of the Great Lakes and Mississippi River Basins	Rep. Dave Camp	referred to Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment
H.R. 5892 (Water Resources Development Act)	direct or authorize water resources development and conservation projects	Rep. Jim Oberstar	placed on the Union Calendar
H.R. 6006 (Permanent Prevention of Asian Carp Act)	affirm that waters of the Great Lakes Basin are impressed with a public trust and managed consistent with public trust principles and other standards to protect the navigational, conservation, and public interests in such waters, to provide for enforcement, and for other purposes	Rep. Dennis Kucinich	referred to Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment
H.R. 6215 (Digital Coast Act)	develop a comprehensive federal coastal mapping effort for the nation's coastal zone, including the Great Lakes	Rep. C.A. Dutch Ruppersberger	referred to Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife
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 (Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary and Underwater Preserve Boundary Modification Act)	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	placed on Senate Legislative Calendar
S. 810 (Ocean and Coastal Adaptation Planning Act)	establish regional institutes 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	placed on Senate Legislative Calendar

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	placed on Senate Legislative Calendar
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	placed on Senate Legislative Calendar
S. 952 (Harmful Algal Blooms and Hypoxia Research and Control Amendments Act)	develop and promote comprehensive plan and national strategy to address harmful algal blooms	Sen. Olympia Snowe	placed on Senate Legislative Calendar
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. 1035 (WATER Act)	require EPA to fund directed and applied research (conducted through a nonprofit water research foundation) to assist drinking water utilities in adapting to effects of climate change	Sen. Harry Reid	referred to 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	placed on Senate Legislative Calendar
S. 1336 (Safe Disposal Drug Act)	amend Controlled Substances Act to provide for disposal of controlled substances by ultimate users and care takers through state take-back disposal programs	Sen. Patty Murray	referred to Committee on Judiciary
S. 1421 (Asian Carp Prevention and Control Act)	add bighead carp of the species <i>Hypophthalmichthys nobilis</i> to the list of injurious species that are prohibited from being shipped or imported into U.S.	Sen. Carl Levin	presented to president
S. 1428 (Mercury Pollution Reduction Act)	phase out use of mercury in the manufacture of chlorine and caustic soda	Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse	referred to Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works
S. 1712 (Water Efficiency, Conservation, and Adaptation Act)	establish within EPA a WaterSense program to identify and promote water-efficient products, buildings, landscapes, facilities, processes, and services	Sen. Harry Reid	referred to Committee on Environment and Public Works
S. 1733 (Clean Energy and American Power Act)	distribute funding to states for projects addressing the impacts of climate change in the Great Lakes coastal watershed	Sen. John Kerry	placed on Senate Legislative Calendar
S. 2852 (Clean Energy and American Power Act)	establish an ocean, coastal, Great Lakes, and atmospheric research, prediction and environmental information program to support offshore renewable energy development	Sen. Mark Begich	placed on Senate Legislative Calendar
S. 2946 (Close All Routes and Prevent Asian Carp Act)	direct Secretary of the Army to take action with respect to the Chicago waterway system to prevent migration of bighead and silver carps into Lake Michigan	Sen. Debbie Stabenow	referred to Committee on Environment and Public Works
S. 2976 (Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore Conservation and Recreation Act)	designate as wilderness certain lands and inland waters within Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore	Sen. Carl Levin	referred to Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
S. 3062	extend credits related to the production of electricity from offshore wind, and for other purposes	Sen. Thomas Carper	placed on Senate Legislative Calendar

S. 3073 (Great Lakes Ecosystem Protection Act)	amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to protect and restore the Great Lakes	Sen. Carl Levin	placed on Senate Legislative Calendar
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S. 3540 (Clean Estuaries Act)	reauthorize the National Estuary Program	Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse	placed on Senate Legislative Calendar
S. 3553 (Permanent Prevention of Asian Carp Act)	require the Secretary of the Army to study the feasibility of the hydrological separation of the Great Lakes and Mississippi River Basins eauthorize the National Estuary Program	Sen. Debbie Stabenow	referred to Committee on Environment and Public Works
S. 3641 (National Endowment for the Oceans Act)	create endowment to fund grants for programs and activities intended to restore, protect, maintain, or understand living marine resources and their habitats and ocean, coastal, and Great Lakes resources	Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse	referred to Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation