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(This list of bills is based on staff research. If you know of legislation that should be added, please contact Tim Anderson at 630/925-1922 or tanderson@csg.org. The list was last updated October 13.)

Bill Number	Description	Primary sponsor/author	Status
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	forwarded by Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, and Oceans
H.R. 83 (Asian Carp Prevention and Control Act)	prohibit the importation and shipment of certain species of carp	Rep. Judy Biggert	referred to Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security
H.R. 135 (21 st Century Water Commission Act)	create commission that develops strategies to ensure adequate and dependable water supply in U.S. for next 50 years	Rep. John Linder	reported by Committee on Transportation
H.R. 250 (Asian Carp Prevention and Control Act)	re-establishes in Department of Commerce the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, whose duties include Great Lakes research and education	Rep. Vernon Ehlers	referred to Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans
H.R. 260 (Aquatic Invasive Species Research Act)	establish programs to support efforts to prevent, control, and eradicate invasive species	Rep. Vernon Ehlers	referred to Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, and Oceans
H.R. 469 (Great Lakes Migratory Bird Research and Management Act)	investigate effects of migratory birds on sustained productivity of stocks of fish of common concern in the Great Lakes.	Rep. Bart Stupak	referred to Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans
H.R. 553 (Great Lakes Asian Carp Barrier Act)	construct a new barrier on the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal to prevent Asian carp from entering Great Lakes	Rep. Judy Biggert	referred to Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment
H.R. 569 (Water Quality Investment Act of 2007)	amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to authorize appropriations for sewer overflow control grants	Rep. Bill Pascrell	passed by House ; referred to Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works
H.R. 720 (Water Quality Financing Act)	authorize appropriations for states' water pollution control revolving funds; study discharges from wastewater treatment plants (in the U.S. and Canada) into Great Lakes.	Rep. James Oberstar	passed by House ; referred to Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works
H.R. 801 (Great Lakes Invasive Species Control Act)	Require vessels with ballast water tanks to carry out exchange of ballast water, or alternative ballast water management methods, prior to entry into any Great Lakes port	Rep. Mark Kirk	referred to Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment
H.R. 802 (Maritime Pollution Prevention Act of 2007)	prevent pollution from ships	Rep. James Oberstar	signed into law
H.R. 889 (Prevention of Aquatic Invasive Species Act of 2007)	amend the Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance Prevention and Control Act of 1990 to establish ballast water management requirements	Rep. Candice Miller	referred to Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, and Oceans
H.R. 1091 (Save Our Shores Act)	reauthorize the Harmful Algal Bloom and Hypoxia Research and Control Act of 1998	Rep. Connie Mack	referred to Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, and Oceans

H.R. 1350 (Great Lakes Collaboration Implementation Act)	establish a collaborative program to protect the Great Lakes	Rep. Vernon Ehlers	referred to Subcommittee on Energy and Environment
H.R. 1495 (Water Resources Development Act)	conserve and develop water resources; improve dredging of Great Lakes harbors and channels; fund second lock at Sault Saint Marie	Rep. James Oberstar	enacted into law over president's veto
H.R. 1504 (Community Beaches Protection Act)	ensure the continuation and improvement of coastal restoration	Rep. Frank LoBiondo	referred to Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment
H.R. 1533 (National Mercury Monitoring Program Establishment Act)	establish a national mercury monitoring program	Rep. Thomas Allen	referred to Subcommittee on Environment and Hazardous Materials
H.R. 1834	establish regional research centers which will develop science-based education and outreach programs that enrich understanding of the oceans and Great Lakes	Rep. Jim Saxton	passed by House; received in Senate
H.R. 1844 and HR 1842	prevent acid mine drainage into the Great Lakes	Rep. Bart Stupak	referred to committees
H.R. 2272	Title IV: enhance research into and understanding of Great Lakes science and stewardship	Rep. Bart Gordon	signed into law
H.R. 2342	establish integrated observation system to improve management of Great Lakes ecosystem and other coastal areas	Rep. Thomas Allen	passed by House
H.R. 2400 (Ocean and Coastal Mapping Integration Act)	require owners or operators of publicly owned treatment facilities to alert public of sewer overflows	Rep. Madeleine Bordallo	passed by House ; referred to Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation
H.R. 2419 (Farm, Nutrition and Bioenergy Act of 2007)	continue Great Lakes Program for Soil Erosion and Sediment Control (Sec. 2604, part of farm bill)	Rep. Collin Peterson	enacted into law over president's veto
H.R. 2423 (Ballast Water Management Act of 2007)	provide for the management and treatment of ballast water to prevent the introduction of nonindigenous aquatic species	Rep. Steven LaTourette	referred to Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment
H.R. 2452 (Raw Sewage Overflow Community Right-to-Know Act)	require owners/operators of publicly owned treatment facilities to alert public of sewer overflows	Rep. Timothy Bishop	passed by House
H.R. 2537 (Beach Protection Act of 2008)	authorize states to implement pollution-source identification and tracking program for waters adjacent to beaches or similar points of access that are used by the public	Rep. Frank Pallone Jr.	passed by House
H.R. 2784 (National Environment and Energy Development Act)	terminate federal ban on domestic production of offshore natural gas supplies; dedicate some resultant royalties to Great Lakes restoration fund	Rep. John Peterson	referred to Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources
H.R. 2830 (Coast Guard Authorization Act, Title V)	phase in new requirements that prohibit discharge of ballast water from ships operating in U.S. waters and eliminate current exemption for "no ballast on board" vessels	Rep. James Oberstar	passed by House
H.R. 2906	establish a pilot program for Illinois School Conservation Corps, which would work to clean up Great Lakes watershed	Rep. Mark Kirk	referred to Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education
H.R. 2907 (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 Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment
H.R. 3220	Sec. 7472: as part of "climate change resiliency planning," provide research on impact of climate change on Great Lakes environment	Rep. Nancy Pelosi	referred to Subcommittee on Workforce Protections

H.R. 3276 (Bad Polluters Act of 2007)	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. 3360 (Great Lakes Pollution Prevention Act of 2007)	amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to require the concurrence of all bordering states when a permit for the discharge of pollutants into one of the Great Lakes is issued	Rep. Jan Schakowsky	referred to Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
H.R. 3989 (Healthy Air and Clean Water Act)	set new mercury limits for coal-fired electric plants	Rep. John McHugh	referred to Subcommittee on Department Operations, Oversight, Nutrition and Forestry
H.R. 5453 (Coastal State Climate Change Planning Act of 2008)	proposes grants for coastal states to combat invasive species and financial assistance to develop “climate change adaptation plans”	Rep. Lois Capps	referred to Committee on Natural Resources
H.R. 5594 (Vessel Discharge Evaluation and Review Act)	require Coast Guard ... to conduct an evaluation and review of certain vessel discharges	Rep. Don Young	referred to Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation
H.R. 5770 (Vessel Discharge Evaluation and Review Act)	provide for National Academy of Sciences study of potential impacts of climate change on water resources and water quality	Rep. John Hall	reported by Committee on Transportation
H.R. 6017	ameliorate effects of harmful algal blooms in Great Lakes by reducing phosphorus inputs	Rep. Bart Stupak	referred to Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, and Oceans
H.R. 6031 (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 Fisheries, Wildlife, and Oceans
H.R. 6434 (Clean Cruise Ship Act)	establish national standards for discharges from cruise vessels into U.S. waters	Rep. Sam Farr	referred to Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation
H.R. 6460 (Great Lakes Legacy Reauthorization Act)	amend Water Pollution Control Act to provide for remediation of sediment contamination in Great Lakes Areas of Concern	Rep. Vernon Ehlers	signed into law
H.R. 6556	clarify circumstances during which U.S. EPA and states may require permits for discharges from certain vessels	Rep. James Oberstar	see S 3298, which was signed into law
H.R. 6577 (Great Lakes--St. Lawrence River Basin Water Resources Compact)	consent and approval of Congress to an interstate compact regarding water resources in the Great Lakes - St. Lawrence River Basin	Rep. James Oberstar	see S.J.Res 45, which became law
H.R. 6814	affirm that exports and diversions of Great Lakes water may only be approved if they are in public interest; provide for enforcement	Rep. Dennis Kucinich	referred to Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment
H. Con. Res 187	U.S. EPA “should not allow increased dumping of chemicals and pollutants into the Great Lakes”	Rep. Rahm Emanuel	passed by House; referred to Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works
H. Con. Res 1146	International Joint Commission should adopt water level management plan for Lake Ontario and St. Lawrence River that strongly takes into account environmental considerations, concerns of public and affected states	Rep. John McHugh	referred to Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment
S. 39	develop a coordinated and comprehensive federal ocean and coastal mapping plan for the Great Lakes that advances science and improves ecosystem decision-making process	Sen. Ted Stevens	placed on Senate Legislative Calendar
S. 336 (Barrier Project Consolidation and Construction Act of 2007)	construct a new barrier on the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal to prevent Asian carp from entering Great Lakes.	Sen. Richard Durbin	referred to Committee on Environment and Public Works
S. 725 (National Aquatic Invasive Species Act of 2007)	reauthorize and improve the Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance Prevention and Control Act of 1990	Sen. Carl Levin	referred to Committee on Environment and Public Works

S. 726 (Asian Carp Prevention and Control Act)	prohibit the importation and shipment of certain species of carp.	Sen. Carl Levin	referred to Committee on Environment and Public Works
S. 761 (Promote Excellence in Technology, Education and Science Act)	establish a coordinated program of ocean, coastal, Great Lakes, and atmospheric R & D that promotes U.S. leadership in ocean and atmospheric science	Sen. Harry Reid	passed by Senate; incorporated into HR 2272, which was signed into law
S. 791 (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. 843 (National Mercury Monitoring Act)	establish a national mercury monitoring program	Sen. Susan Collins	referred to Committee on Environment and Public Works
S. 906 (Mercury Market Minimization Act)	prohibit the sale, distribution, transfer, and export of elemental mercury, and for other purposes.	Sen. Barack Obama	presented to president
S. 950 (Coastal and Observation System Act of 2007)	develop and maintain integrated system of coastal and ocean observations for the nation's coasts, oceans and Great Lakes	Sen. Olympia Snowe	reported out of Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation
S. 1248 (Water Resources Development Act of 2007)	includes sections on Great Lakes fishery and ecosystem restoration as well as sediment remediation	Sen. Barbara Boxer	related to H.R. 1495 , which became Public Law No. 110-114
S. 1578 (Ballast Water Management Act of 2007)	amend the Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance Prevention and Control Act of 1990 to establish vessel ballast water management requirements	Sen. Daniel Inouye	placed on Senate Legislative Calendar
S. 1579 (Coastal Zone Enhancement Reauthorization Act)	improve states' coastal zone management plans	Sen. Olympia Snowe	Referred to Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation
S. 1818 (Missing Mercury in Manufacturing Monitoring and Mitigation Act)	phase out use of mercury in the manufacture of chlorine and caustic soda, and for other purposes	Sen. Barack Obama	referred to Committee on Environment and Public Works
S. 2080 (Raw Sewage Overflow Community Right-to-Know Act)	require owners/operators of publicly owned treatment facilities to alert public of sewer overflows	Sen. Frank Lautenberg	placed on Senate Legislative Calendar
S. 2204 (Global Warming Wildlife Survival Act)	Sec. 211: ensure recovery, resiliency, and health of ... Great Lakes ecosystems	Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse	referred to Committee on Environment and Public Works
S. 2211 (Global Warming and Acidification Coastal and Ocean Resiliency Act)	ensure the recovery, resiliency and health of ocean, coastal and Great Lakes ecosystems, and for other purposes	Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse	referred to Committee on Environment and Public Works
S. 2643 (Mercury Emissions Control Act)	control hazardous air pollutant emissions from electric utility steam generating units	Sen. Thomas Carper	referred to Committee on Environment and Public Works
S. 2645 (Vessel Discharge Evaluation and Review Act)	require Coast Guard ... to conduct an evaluation and review of certain vessel discharges	Sen. Ted Stevens	referred to Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation
S. 2844 (Beach Protection Act)	amend Federal Water Pollution Control Act to modify provisions relating to beach monitoring, and for other purposes	Sen. Frank Lautenberg	placed on Senate Legislative Calendar
S. 2881 (Clean Cruise Ship Act)	establish national standards for discharges from cruise vessels into the waters of the United States	Sen. Richard Durbin	referred to Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation
S. 2994 (Great Lakes Legacy Act)	amend Water Pollution Control Act to provide for remediation of sediment contamination in Areas of Concern	Sen. Carl Levin	placed on Senate Legislative Calendar (see H.R. 6460, which became law)
S. 3191 (Harmful Algal Blooms and Hypoxia Amendments Act)	develop national strategy to address harmful algal blooms and hypoxia	Sen. Olympia Snowe	referred to Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation

S 3298	clarify circumstances during which U.S. EPA and states may require permits for discharges from certain vessels	Sen. Lisa Murkowski	signed into law
S.J. Res. 45 (Great Lakes--St. Lawrence River Basin Water Resources Compact)	consent and approval of Congress to an interstate compact regarding water resources in the Great Lakes - St. Lawrence River Basin	Sen. Carl Levin	signed into law