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To promote coastal jobs creation, promote sustainable fisheries and fishing communities, revitalize waterfronts, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PALLONE (for himself and Ms. PINGREE of Maine) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

To promote coastal jobs creation, promote sustainable fisheries and fishing communities, revitalize waterfronts, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Coastal Jobs Creation
5 Act of 2011”.

1 **SEC. 2. PURPOSE.**

2 The purpose of this Act is to provide employment op-
3 portunities for coastal communities by increasing support
4 for—

- 5 (1) cooperative research and monitoring;
- 6 (2) the revitalization of coastal infrastructure;
- 7 (3) recreational fishing registry programs;
- 8 (4) marine debris removal; and
- 9 (5) restoration of coastal resources.

10 **SEC. 3. COASTAL JOBS CREATION GRANT PROGRAM.**

11 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary of Commerce
12 (in this Act referred to as the “Secretary”) shall use funds
13 made available under this Act to implement a Coastal Jobs
14 Creation Grant Program using the authorities listed in
15 subsection (b). The Secretary shall expend such funds as
16 quickly as possible consistent with prudent management.

17 (b) AUTHORITIES.—The authorities referred to in
18 subsection (a) are authorities under the following laws:

- 19 (1) Section 306A of the Coastal Zone Manage-
20 ment Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. 1455a).
- 21 (2) Section 315(e) of the Coastal Zone Manage-
22 ment Act (16 U.S.C. 1461(e)).
- 23 (3) Section 204 of the Coral Reef Conservation
24 Act (16 U.S.C. 6403).

1 (4) Section 12304 of the Integrated Coastal
2 and Ocean Observation System Act of 2009 (33
3 U.S.C. 3603).

4 (5) Section 318 of the Magnuson-Stevens Fish-
5 ery Conservation and Management Act (16 U.S.C.
6 1867).

7 (6) Section 401(g) of the Magnuson-Stevens
8 Fishery Conservation and Management Act (16
9 U.S.C. 1881(g)).

10 (7) Section 3 of the Marine Debris Research,
11 Prevention, and Reduction Act (33 U.S.C. 1952).

12 (8) Section 408 of the Marine Mammal Protec-
13 tion Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. 1421f-1).

14 (9) Section 311 of the National Marine Sanc-
15 tuaries Act (16 U.S.C. 1442).

16 (10) Section 205 of the National Sea Grant
17 College Program Act (33 U.S.C. 1124).

18 (c) ACTIVITIES.—Activities funded under the Coastal
19 Jobs Creation Grant Program shall include the following:

20 (1) Cooperative research to collect and compile
21 economic and social data related to recreational and
22 commercial fisheries management.

23 (2) Cooperative research to identify habitat
24 areas of particular concern and for habitat restora-
25 tion and conservation.

1 (3) Improving the quality and accuracy of infor-
2 mation generated by the Marine Recreational Fish-
3 ery Statistics Survey.

4 (4) Establishment and implementation of State
5 recreational fishing registry programs.

6 (5) Training and deploying observers authorized
7 or required under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery
8 Conservation and Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1801
9 et seq.).

10 (6) Preservation or restoration of coastal re-
11 sources identified for their conservation, rec-
12 reational, ecological, historic, or aesthetic values.

13 (7) Redevelopment of deteriorating and under-
14 utilized working waterfronts and ports.

15 (8) Research and monitoring within the Na-
16 tional Estuarine Research Reserve System, the Na-
17 tional Marine Sanctuary System, and coral reef eco-
18 systems, and under the National Sea Grant College
19 Program.

20 (9) Implementation of local strategies developed
21 by State or Federal agencies to conserve coral reef
22 ecosystems.

23 (10) Research to develop, test, and deploy inno-
24 vations and improvements in coastal and ocean ob-
25 servation technologies.

1 (11) Cooperative research to collect data to im-
2 prove, supplement, or enhance fishery and marine
3 mammal stock assessments.

4 (12) Cooperative research to assess the amount
5 and type of bycatch and to engineer gear types de-
6 signed to reduce bycatch.

7 (13) Reducing and preventing the occurrence
8 and adverse impacts of marine debris on the marine
9 environment and navigation safety.

10 (d) FUNDING CRITERIA.—The Secretary may not
11 make funds available under this Act for a proposed project
12 unless the project, to the maximum extent practicable—

13 (1) provides the greatest employment opportu-
14 nities for coastal communities and benefits commer-
15 cial and recreational fishing industries;

16 (2) replicates or builds upon a successful local,
17 State, Federal, or tribal project;

18 (3) utilizes existing fishing community infra-
19 structure, including idled fishing vessels;

20 (4) supports research and monitoring that im-
21 proves science-based management decisions; or

22 (5) contributes to restoring, protecting, or pre-
23 serving coastal and ocean ecosystems.

24 (e) GUIDELINES.—Within 30 days after the date of
25 enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall develop guide-

1 lines necessary to implement the Coastal Jobs Creation
2 Grant Program.

3 **SEC. 4. AMENDMENT OF MAGNUSON-STEVENSON FISHERY**
4 **CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT ACT.**

5 Section 401(g) of Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Con-
6 servation and Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1881(g)) is
7 amended by redesignating paragraph (4) as paragraph
8 (5), and by inserting after paragraph (3) the following new
9 paragraph:

10 “(4) FUNDING.—The Secretary, subject to the
11 availability of appropriations, shall enter into con-
12 tracts with, or provide grants to, States for the pur-
13 pose of establishing and implementing a registry
14 program to meet the requirements for exemption
15 under paragraph (2).”.

16 **SEC. 5. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

17 To carry out the Coastal Jobs Creation Grant Pro-
18 gram there is authorized to be appropriated to the Sec-
19 retary of Commerce \$80,000,000 for each of fiscal years
20 2012 through 2016, of which no more than 5 percent may
21 be used each fiscal year for administrative expenses of
22 such program.

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