

**U.S. House of Representatives**  
**Committee on Natural Resources**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

**COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES**

**VIRTUAL LEGISLATIVE HEARING**

Tuesday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 3:00 p.m.

Legislative hearing on the following bills:

- [H.R. 660](#) (Rep. Stacey Plaskett, D-VI), To require the Secretary of Commerce to establish a grant program to benefit coastal habitats, resiliency, and the economy, and for other purposes. *Shovel-Ready Restoration Grants for Coastlines and Fisheries Act of 2021.*
- [H.R. 1415](#) (Rep. Derek Kilmer, D-WA), To amend the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 to authorize grants to Indian Tribes to further achievement of Tribal coastal zone objectives, and for other purposes. *Tribal Coastal Resiliency Act.*
- [H.R. 1689](#) (Rep. Jenniffer Gonzalez-Colon, R-PR), To amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to apply to territories of the United States, to establish offshore wind lease sale requirements, to provide dedicated funding for coral reef conservation, and for other purposes. *Offshore Wind for Territories Act.*
- [H.R. 2750](#) (Rep. Suzanne Bonamici, D-OR), To establish an Interagency Working Group on Coastal Blue Carbon, and for other purposes. *Blue Carbon for Our Planet Act.*
- [H.R. 3160](#) (Rep. Chellie Pingree, D-ME), To amend the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 to establish a Working Waterfront Task Force and a working waterfronts grant program, and for other purposes. *Keep America's Waterfronts Working Act.*
- [H.R. 3228](#) (Rep. Nydia Velazquez, D-NY), To direct the Secretary of Commerce, acting through the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, to improve science, data, and services that enable sound decision-making in response to coastal flood risk, including impacts of sea-level rise, storm events, changing Great Lakes water levels, and land subsidence. *National Coastal Resilience Data and Services Act.*
- [H.R. 3692](#) (Rep. Julia Brownley, D-CA), To amend the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 to direct the Secretary of Commerce to establish a climate impact management plan for the conservation of certain marine mammal species, and for other purposes. *Marine Mammal Climate Change Protection Act.*
- [H.R. 3748](#) (Rep. Suzanne Bonamici, D-OR), To improve data collection and monitoring of the Great Lakes, oceans, bays, estuaries, and coasts, and for other purposes. *BLUE GLOBE ACT.*
- [H.R. 3764](#) (Rep. Raúl Grijalva, D-AZ), To direct the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to provide for ocean-based climate solutions to reduce carbon emissions and global warming; to make coastal communities more resilient; and to provide for the conservation and restoration of the ocean and coastal habitats, biodiversity, and marine mammal and fish populations; and for other purposes. *Ocean-Based Climate Solutions Act of 2021.*
- [H.R. 3817](#) (Rep. Charlie Crist, D-FL), To allow coastal States to participate in regional ocean partnerships with one or more other coastal States that share a common ocean or coastal area with the coastal State to conserve living resources, expand and protect valuable habitats, enhance coastal resilience, and address such other issues related to the shared ocean or coastal area as are determined to be a shared, regional priority by those States. *Regional Ocean Partnership Act.*
- [H.R. 3864](#) (Rep. Anthony Brown, D-MD), To express the sense of Congress that the Chesapeake Bay Office of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration shall be the primary

representative of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration in the Chesapeake Bay, to require the Secretary of the Commerce, acting through the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, to provide grants supporting research on the conservation, restoration, or management of oysters in estuarine ecosystems, and for other purposes. *Chesapeake Bay Oyster Research Act*.

- [H.R. 3892](#) (Rep. Don Beyer, D-VA), To improve the National Oceans and Coastal Security Act, and for other purposes. *National Oceans and Coastal Security Improvements Act*.
- [H.R. 3906](#) (Rep. Jared Huffman, D-CA), To establish a Blue Carbon program to conserve and restore marine and coastal blue carbon ecosystems, and other purposes. *Blue Carbon Protection Act*.

*Panel I: Congressional Panel*

Rep. Jenniffer Gonzalez-Colon (*H.R. 1689*)

Rep. Don Beyer (*H.R. 3892*)

Rep. Chellie Pingree (*H.R. 3160*)

Rep. Jared Huffman (*H.R. 3906*)

*Panel II: Administration*

**Stephen Guertin**

Deputy Director for Policy  
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

**Nicole LeBoeuf**

Acting Administrator  
National Ocean Service  
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

*Panel III: Invited Witnesses*

**State Senator Chris Lee**

Hawaii State Legislature

**Dr. Ayana Elizabeth Johnson**

Co-Founder  
Urban Ocean Lab

**Ms. Marce Gutiérrez-Graudiņš**

Founder and Executive Director  
Azul

**Mr. Mauricio Guardado**

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United Water Conservation District