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# S. 3528

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Ms. SNOWE (for herself, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Ms. COLLINS, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. KERRY, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. REED, and Mr. BEGICH) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

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## 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 2010”.

6 **SEC. 2. PURPOSE.**

7 The purpose of this Act is to provide employment op-  
8 portunities for coastal communities by increasing support  
9 for—

1           (1) cooperative research management and moni-  
2           toring projects that improve science-based manage-  
3           ment decisions;

4           (2) the revitalization of coastal infrastructure;

5           (3) marine debris prevention or removal; and

6           (4) restoration, protection, and stewardship of  
7           coastal resources.

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

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

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

17               (1) Section 306A of the Coastal Zone Manage-  
18               ment Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. 1455(a)).

19               (2) Section 309 of the Coastal Zone Manage-  
20               ment Act (16 U.S.C. 1456(b)).

21               (3) Section 315(e) of the Coastal Zone Manage-  
22               ment Act (16 U.S.C. 1461(e)).

23               (4) Section 204 of the Coral Reef Conservation  
24               Act (16 U.S.C. 6403).

1           (5) Section 104 of the Estuary Restoration Act  
2           of 2000 (33 U.S.C. 2903).

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

6           (7) The Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16  
7           U.S.C. 1535).

8           (8) The Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conserva-  
9           tion and Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1801 et seq.).

10          (9) The Atlantic Coastal Fishery Conservation  
11          and Management Act (15 U.S.C. 5101 et seq.).

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

14          (11) Section 408 of the Marine Mammal Pro-  
15          tection Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. 1421f–1).

16          (12) Section 311 of the National Marine Sanc-  
17          tuaries Act (16 U.S.C. 1442).

18          (13) Section 205 of the National Sea Grant  
19          College Program Act (33 U.S.C. 1124).

20          (c) ACTIVITIES.—Activities funded under the Coastal  
21          Jobs Creation Grant Program shall include activities eligi-  
22          ble under one or more of the authorities listed under sub-  
23          section (b), and shall include—

24                (1) cooperative research to collect and compile  
25                economic and social data related to recreational and

1 commercial fisheries management that the Secretary  
2 determines will improve science-based management  
3 decisions;

4 (2) cooperative research to identify and protect  
5 essential fish habitat and habitat areas of particular  
6 concern and to improve techniques and evaluate ef-  
7 fectiveness of habitat protection and restoration ef-  
8 forts;

9 (3) improving the quality and accuracy of infor-  
10 mation generated by the Marine Recreational Fish-  
11 ery Statistics Survey;

12 (4) supporting efforts to train and deploy ob-  
13 servers authorized or required under the Magnuson-  
14 Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act  
15 (16 U.S.C. 1801 et seq.);

16 (5) preservation, conservation, or restoration of  
17 ocean and coastal resources identified for their con-  
18 servation, recreational, ecological, historic, or aes-  
19 thetic values;

20 (6) redevelopment of deteriorating and under-  
21 utilized working waterfronts and ports to support  
22 fisheries or other ocean-dependent industries;

23 (7) research, monitoring, and stewardship with-  
24 in the National Estuarine Research Reserve System,  
25 the National Marine Sanctuary System, and coral

1 reef ecosystems, and under the National Sea Grant  
2 College Program;

3 (8) implementation of local strategies developed  
4 by State or Federal agencies to conserve coral reef  
5 ecosystems;

6 (9) research to develop, test, and deploy innova-  
7 tions and improvements in coastal and ocean obser-  
8 vation technologies;

9 (10) cooperative research to collect data to im-  
10 prove, supplement, or enhance fishery, protected spe-  
11 cies, and marine mammal stock assessments, includ-  
12 ing research on the effects of climate change and  
13 habitat loss on stock dynamics;

14 (11) cooperative research to assess the amount  
15 and type of bycatch and to engineer gear types de-  
16 signed to reduce or prevent bycatch;

17 (12) reducing and preventing the occurrence  
18 and adverse impacts of marine debris on the marine  
19 environment and navigation safety;

20 (13) establishment and implementation of sta-  
21 tus and trends monitoring of coastal habitats for  
22 major ecosystems, including remote sensing tech-  
23 nology, ground-truth verification, and geographic in-  
24 formation system data delivery; or

1           (14) development and implementation of train-  
2       ing programs to build the capacity of citizens of  
3       coastal communities to effectively carry out the pur-  
4       poses of this Act.

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

8           (1) provides the greatest employment opportu-  
9       nities and prioritizes development of sustainable em-  
10      ployment opportunities for coastal communities and  
11      benefits commercial and recreational fishing indus-  
12      tries or other ocean-dependent industries;

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

15          (3) utilizes existing fishing community infra-  
16      structure, including idled fishing vessels;

17          (4) supports research and monitoring that im-  
18      proves science-based management decisions;

19          (5) contributes to restoring, protecting, or pre-  
20      serving coastal and ocean ecosystems; or

21          (6) assists in developing a well-trained and in-  
22      formed workforce capable of implementing activities  
23      identified in section 3(c) of this Act.

24      (e) IMPLEMENTATION.—Within 180 days after the  
25      date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall, in con-

1 sultation with the Administrator and the Economic Devel-  
 2 opment Administration, develop in support of the Coastal  
 3 Jobs Creation Grant Program established in section 3(a)  
 4 of this Act—

5           (1) a process for solicitation of proposals from  
 6       Federal, State, local government agencies and  
 7       sources, private entities, academia, and non-profit  
 8       entities; and

9           (2) criteria for evaluating any and all proposals  
 10      received under the process described in subsection  
 11      (e)(1), including a means of predicting how many  
 12      jobs will be created by each proposal.

13 **SEC. 4. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

14      To carry out the Coastal Jobs Creation Grant Pro-  
 15 gram there is authorized to be appropriated to the Sec-  
 16 retary of Commerce \$80,000,000 for each of fiscal years  
 17 2011 through 2015, of which no more than 5 percent may  
 18 be used each fiscal year for administrative expenses of  
 19 such program.

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