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1/6/09	HR 14	<i>Federal Ocean Acidification Research And Monitoring Act of 2009</i>	Representative Brian Baird (D WA-3)					To provide for ocean acidification research and monitoring, and for other purposes.	OAR
1/6/09	HR 21	<i>Ocean Conservation, Education, and National Strategy for the 21st Century Act</i>	Representative Sam Farr (D CA-17)					To establish a national policy for our oceans, to strengthen the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, to establish a national and regional ocean governance structure, and for other purposes.	NOS
1/6/09	HR 81	<i>Shark Conservation Act of 2009</i>	Delegate Madeleine Bordallo (D-Guam)		3/2/09			To amend the <i>High Seas Driftnet Fishing Moratorium Protection Act</i> and the <i>Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act</i> to improve the conservation of sharks.	NMFS
1/6/09	HR 223	<i>Gulf of the Farallones and Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuaries Boundary Modification and Protection Act</i>	Representative Lynn Woolsey (D CA-6)					To expand the boundaries of the Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary and the Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuary, and for other purposes.	NOS
1/6/09	S 92	<i>Imported Seafood Safety Enhancement Act of 2009</i>	Senator David Vitter (R-LA)					A bill to ensure the safety of seafood and seafood products being imported into the United States.	NMFS
1/7/09	S 22	<i>Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009</i>	Senator Jeff Bingaman (D-NM)		Failed to pass the House on March 11, see HR 146 entry 3/19/2009.		1/15/09	The bill includes a number of NOAA related sections: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ocean exploration • NOAA Undersea Research Program Act of 2009 • Ocean and Coastal Mapping Integration Act • Integrated Coastal and Ocean Observation System Act of 2009 • Federal Ocean Acidification research and Monitoring Act of 2009 • Coastal and Estuarine Land Conservation Program (CELP) • SECURE Water Bill 	NOS, OAR
1/8/09	HR 300	<i>National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Act</i>	Representative Vern Ehlers (R MI-3)					To provide for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and for other purposes.	NOAA

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1/8/09	HR 320	<i>CJ's Home Protection Act of 2009</i>	Representative Brad Ellsworth (D IN-8)					To amend the National Manufactured Housing Construction and Safety Standards Act of 1974 to require that weather radios be installed in all manufactured homes manufactured or sold in the United States.	NWS
1/8/09	HR 327	<i>National Hurricane Research Initiative Act of 2009</i>	Representative Alcee Hastings (D FL-23)					To establish the National Hurricane Research Initiative to improve hurricane preparedness, and for other purposes.	NWS, OAR
1/8/09	S 170	<i>Coastal and Estuarine Land Protection Act</i>	Senator Judd Gregg (R-NH)					A bill to authorize the acquisition of interests in undeveloped coastal areas in order better to ensure their protection from development and for other purposes.	NOS
1/8/09	S 171	<i>Coastal and Ocean Observing System Act of 2009</i>	Senator Olympia Snowe (R-ME)					A bill to develop and maintain an integrated system of coastal and ocean observations for the Nation's coasts, oceans, and Great Lakes, to improve warnings of tsunami, hurricanes, El Nino events, and other natural hazards, to enhance homeland security, to support maritime operations, to improve management of coastal and marine resources, and for other purposes.	OAR
1/8/09	S 172	<i>NOAA Ocean Exploration and Undersea Research Program Act of 2009</i>	Senator Olympia Snowe (R-ME)					A bill to establish a coordinated national ocean exploration program within the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and for other purposes.	OAR
1/8/09	S 173	<i>Federal Ocean Acidification Research and Monitoring Act of 2009</i>	Senator Frank Lautenberg (D-NJ)					A bill to establish an interagency committee to develop an ocean acidification research and monitoring plan and to establish an ocean acidification program within NOAA.	OAR
1/8/09	S 174	<i>Ocean and Coastal Mapping Integration Act</i>	Senator Daniel Inouye (D-HI)					A bill to establish a coordinated and comprehensive Federal ocean and coastal mapping program.	NOS

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1/9/09	HR 365	<i>Ocean and Coastal Mapping Integration Act</i>	Delegate Madeleine Bordallo (D-Guam)					To direct the President to establish a program to develop a coordinated and comprehensive Federal ocean and coastal mapping plan for the Great Lakes and coastal state waters, the territorial sea, the exclusive economic zone, and the continental shelf of the United States, and for other purposes.	NOS
1/9/09	HR 366	<i>Ocean Research and Exploration Enhancement Act of 2009 and NOAA Undersea Research Program Act of 2009</i>	Representative Sam Farr (D CA-17)					To establish the national ocean exploration program and the national undersea research program within the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, to direct the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to establish and maintain an undersea research program, and for other purposes.	OAR
1/9/09	HR 367	<i>Integreated Coastal and Ocean Observing System Act of 2009</i>	Representative Lois Capps (D CA-23)					To establish a national integrated system of ocean, coastal, and Great Lakes observing systems, and for other purposes.	NOS
1/9/09	HR 368	<i>Coastal and Estuarine Land Conservation Program Act</i>	Representative Lois Capps (D CA-23)					To authorize the acquisition of land and interests in land from willing sellers to improve the conservation of, and to enhance the ecological values and functions of, coastal and estuarine areas to benefit both the environment and the economies of coastal communities, and for other purposes.	NOS
1/12/09	S 212	<i>Gulf of the Farallones and Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuaries Boundary Modification and Protection Act</i>	Senator Barbara Boxer (D-CA)					A bill to expand the boundaries of the Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary and the Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuary, and for other purposes.	NOS
1/14/09	HR 500	<i>Great Lakes Collaboration Implementation Act and National Invasive Species Council Act</i>	Representative Vern Ehlers (R MI-3)					To establish a collaborative program to protect the Great Lakes, and for other purposes.	NOS
1/14/09	HR 509	<i>Marine Turtle Conservation Reauthorization Act of 2009</i>	Representative Henry Brown (SC R-1)					To reauthorize the <i>Marine Turtle Conservation Act</i> of 2004.	NMFS

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1/14/09	S 237	<i>Great Lakes Collaboration Implementation Act and National Invasive Species Council Act</i>	Senator Carl Levin (D-MI)					A bill to establish a collaborative program to protect the Great Lakes, and for other purposes.	NOS
1/15/09	HJ Res 18	Providing for congressional disapproval of the rule submitted by the Department of the Interior and the Department of Commerce under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, relating to interagency cooperation under the <i>Endangered Species Act</i> of 1973.	Representative Nick Rahall (D WV-3)					Providing for congressional disapproval of the rule submitted by the Department of the Interior and the Department of Commerce under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, relating to interagency cooperation under the <i>Endangered Species Act</i> of 1973.	NMFS
1/15/09	HR 556	<i>Southern Sea Otter Recovery and Research Act</i>	Representative Sam Farr (D CA-17)					To establish a program of research, recovery, and other activities to provide for the recovery of the southern sea otter.	NMFS
1/22/09	S 297	<i>Charter and Recreational Fishing Collective Marketing Act of 2009</i>	Senator Bill Nelson (D FL)					A bill to amend the Act entitled "An Act authorizing associations of producers of aquatic products" to include persons engaged in the fishery industry as charter boats or recreational fishermen, and for other purposes.	NMFS
1/26/09	HR 669	<i>Nonnative Wildlife Invasion Prevention Act</i>	Delegate Madeleine Bordallo (D-Guam)					While the bill focuses on directives to the Department of Interior, the activities prescribed relate to NOAA through our membership on the Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force and via the Department of Commerce, the National Invasive Species Council.	All
1/29/09	S 345	<i>Tropical Forest and Coral Conservation Act of 2009</i>	Senator Dick Lugar (R-IN)					A bill to reauthorize the Tropical Forest Conservation Act of 1998 through fiscal year 2012, to rename the <i>Tropical Forest Conservation Act</i> of 1998 as the " <i>Tropical Forest and Coral Conservation Act of 2009</i> ", and for other purposes.	NOS
2/2/09	HR 790	<i>Georges Bank Preservation Act</i>	Representative Ed Markey (D MA-7)					To prohibit issuance of any lease or other authorization by the Federal Government that authorizes exploration, development, or production of oil or natural gas in any marine national monument or national marine sanctuary or in the fishing grounds known as Georges Bank in the waters of the United States.	NOS

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2/3/09	HR 843	To amend the <i>Marine Mammal Protection Act</i> of 1972 to repeal the long-term goal for reducing to zero the incidental mortality and serious injury of marine mammals in commercial fishing operations, and to modify the goal of take reduction plans for reducing such takings.	Representative Don Young (R AK-At Large)					To amend the <i>Marine Mammal Protection Act</i> of 1972 to repeal the long-term goal for reducing to zero the incidental mortality and serious injury of marine mammals in commercial fishing operations, and to modify the goal of take reduction plans for reducing such takings.	NMFS
2/3/09	HR 844	<i>Marine Mammal Rescue Assistance Amendments of 2009</i>	Representative Don Young (R AK-At Large)		3/2/09			To amend the provisions of law relating to the John H. Prescott Marine Mammal Rescue Assistance Grant Program, and for other purposes.	NMFS
2/4/09	HR 860	<i>Coral Reef Conservation Act Reauthorization and Enhancement Amendments of 2009</i>	Delegate Madeleine Bordallo (D-Guam)	04/22/09 - House				To reauthorize the <i>Coral Reef Conservation Act of 2000</i> , and for other purposes.	NOS
2/4/09	HR 905	<i>Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary and Underwater Preserve Boundary Modification Act</i>	Representative Bart Stupak (D MI-1)					To expand the boundaries of the Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary and Underwater Preserve, and for other purposes.	NOS
2/4/09	S 380	<i>Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary and Underwater Preserve Boundary Modification Act</i>	Senator Carl Levin (D-MI)					A bill to expand the boundaries of the Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary and Underwater Preserve, and for other purposes.	NOS
2/4/09	HR 875	<i>Food Safety Modernization Act of 2009</i>	Representative Rosa DeLauro (D CT-3)					The bill reorganizes several inspection services and agencies within the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to establish a new Food Safety Administration within HHS. Part of the "consolidation" of food safety agencies within HHS includes moving all of the personnel and assets of the NOAA Seafood Inspection Program into the newly formed Food Safety Administration.	NMFS
2/13/09	HR 1080	<i>Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated Fishing Enforcement Act of 2009</i>	Delegate Madeleine Bordallo (D-Guam)					To strengthen enforcement mechanisms to stop illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing, and for other purposes.	NMFS
2/23/09	HR 1108	<i>Grow American Supply Act and Rigs to Reef Act of 2009</i>	Representative Steve Scalise (R LA-1)					To provide for State enhanced authority for coastal and ocean resources, expansion of America's supply of natural gas and oil, and for other purposes.	NMFS, NOS

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2/23/09	S 454	<i>Weapons System Acquisition Reform Act of 2009.</i>	Senator Carl Levin (D-MI)					A bill to improve the organization and procedures of the Department of Defense for the acquisition of major weapon systems. If passed, this bill has the potential to impact the procedures surrounding the acquisition and management of the NPOESS satellite program that NOAA is managing together with the Air Force.	NESDIS
2/24/09	HR 1145	<i>National Water Research and Development Initiative Act of 2009</i>	Representative Bart Gordon (D TN-6)	04/21/2009 - House	4/23/09			To implement a National Water Research and Development Initiative, and for other purposes.	NWS
2/25/09	S 477	<i>Fishermen's Collective Marketing Act of 2009</i>	Senator Bill Nelson (D FL)					A bill to amend the Act entitled "An Act authorizing associations of producers of aquatic products" to include persons engaged in the fishery industry as charter boats or recreational fishermen, and for other purposes.	NMFS
2/25/09	S 472	<i>National Monuments Act of 2009</i>	Senator David Vitter (R-LA)					A bill to provide for congressional approval of national monuments and restrictions on the use of national monuments.	NOS
3/2/09	S 507	<i>Non-Foreign Area Retirement Equity Assurance Act of 2009</i>	Senator Daniel Akaka (D-HI)					Noted as important to NWS: A bill to provide for retirement equity for federal employees in nonforeign areas outside the 48 contiguous States and the District of Columbia, and for other purposes.	NWS
3/2/09	HR 1266	<i>Non-Foreign Area Retirement Equity Assurance Act of 2009</i>	Representative Neil Abercrombie (D HI-1)					Noted as important to NWS: A bill to provide for retirement equity for federal employees in nonforeign areas outside the 48 contiguous States and the District of Columbia, and for other purposes.	NWS

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3/5/09	HR 1370	<i>Commercial Seafood Consumer Protection Act</i>	Representative Anthony Weiner (D NY-9)					To improve the protections afforded under Federal law to consumers from contaminated seafood by directing the Secretary of Commerce to establish a program, in coordination with other appropriate Federal agencies, to strengthen activities for ensuring that seafood sold or offered for sale to the public in or affecting interstate commerce is fit for human consumption.	NMFS
3/5/09	S 533	<i>Working Waterfront Preservation Act of 2009</i>	Senator Susan Collins (R-ME)					A bill to amend the <i>Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972</i> to establish a grant program to ensure waterfront access for commercial fisherman, and for other purposes.	NOS
3/6/09	HR 1379	To prohibit the commercial harvesting of Atlantic striped bass in the coastal waters and the exclusive economic zone.	Representative Frank Pallone (D NJ-6)					To prohibit the commercial harvesting of Atlantic striped bass in the coastal waters and the exclusive economic zone.	NMFS
3/16/09	S 601	<i>Weather Mitigation Research and Development Policy Authorization Act of 2009</i>	Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison (D-TX)					A bill to establish the Weather Mitigation Research Office, and for other purposes.	OAR, NWS
3/16/09	HR 1584	<i>Flexibility in Rebuilding American Fisheries Act of 2009</i>	Representative Frank Pallone (D NJ-6)					To amend the <i>Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act</i> to extend the authorized time period for rebuilding certain overfished fisheries, and for other purposes.	NMFS
3/19/09	HR 146	Omnibus Public Lands Bill, originally S 22 (see above). HR 146 was 'stripped' by the Senate and replaced with the Omnibus text.	Representative Rush Holt (D NJ-12)		3/25/09	3/19/09	3/30/09	The bill includes a number of NOAA related sections: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ocean exploration • <i>NOAA Undersea Research Program Act of 2009</i> • <i>Ocean and Coastal Mapping Integration Act</i> • <i>Integrated Coastal and Ocean Observation System Act of 2009</i> • <i>Federal Ocean Acidification research and Monitoring Act of 2009</i> • Coastal and Estuarine Land Conservation Program (CELP) • SECURE Water Bill 	OAR, NOS

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3/19/09	HR 1612	<i>Public Lands Service Corps Act of 2009</i>	Representative Raul Grijalva (D AZ-7)					To amend the <i>Public Lands Corps Act of 1993</i> to expand the authorization of the Secretaries of Agriculture, Commerce, and the Interior to provide service-learning opportunities on public lands, help restore the nation's natural, cultural, historic, archaeological, recreational, and scenic resources, train a new generation of public land managers and enthusiasts, and promote the value of public service.	NOS
3/23/09	S 668	<i>Northwest Straits Marine Conservation Initiative Reauthorization Act of 2009</i>	Senator Patty Murray (D-WA)					A bill to reauthorize the Northwest Straits Marine Conservation Initiative Act to promote protection of the resources of the Northwest Straits, and for other purposes.	NOS
3/23/09	HR 1672	<i>Northwest Straits Marine Conservation Initiative Reauthorization Act of 2009</i>	Representative Rick Larsen (D WA-2)					A bill to reauthorize the Northwest Straits Marine Conservation Initiative Act to promote protection of the resources of the Northwest Straits, and for other purposes.	NOS
3/24/09	S 684	<i>Oil Pollution, Prevention, and Response Act of 2009</i>	Senator Maria Cantwell (D-WA)					A bill to provide NOAA and the Coast Guard with additional authorities under the <i>Oil Pollution Act of 1990</i> , to strengthen the <i>Oil Pollution Act of 1990</i> , and for other purposes.	NOS
3/24/09	S 685	<i>Oil Spill Prevention Act of 2009</i>	Senator Frank Lautenberg (D-NJ)					A bill to require new vessels for carrying oil fuel to have double hulls, and for other purposes.	NOS
3/24/09	HR 1690	<i>Coastal State Renewable Energy Promotion Act</i>	Representative Lois Capps (D CA-23)					To amend the <i>Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972</i> to authorize the Secretary of Commerce to make grants to coastal states to support voluntary State efforts to initiate and complete surveys of coastal waters to identify potential areas suitable for the exploration, development, and production of renewable energy, and for other purposes.	NOS
3/26/09	HR 1771	<i>Chesapeake Bay Science, Education, and Ecosystem Enhancement Act of 2009</i>	Representative John Sarbanes (D MD-3)					To reauthorize the Chesapeake Bay Office of NOAA, and for other purposes.	NMFS

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3/26/09	HR 1736	<i>International Science and Technology Cooperation Act of 2009</i>	Representative Brian Baird (D WA-3)	04/29/09 - House				To provide for the establishment of a committee to identify and coordinate international science and technology cooperation that can strengthen the domestic science and technology enterprise and support United States foreign policy goals.	OAR
3/31/09	HR 1830	<i>Weapons System Acquisition Reform Act of 2009.</i>	Representative Ellen Tauscher (D CA-10)					A bill to improve the organization and procedures of the Department of Defense for the acquisition of major weapon systems. If passed, this bill has the potential to impact the procedures surrounding the acquisition and management of the NPOESS satellite program that NOAA is managing together with the Air Force.	NESDIS
4/2/09	S 817	<i>Pacific Salmon Stronghold Conservation Act of 2009</i>	Senator Maria Cantwell (D-WA)					A bill to establish a Salmon Stronghold Partnership Program to conserve wild Pacific salmon and for other purposes.	NMFS
4/2/09	HR 1905	<i>Coastal State Climate Change Planning Act</i>	Representative Lois Capps (D CA-23)					To amend the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 to require the Secretary of Commerce to establish a coastal climate change adaptation planning and response program, and for other purposes.	NOS
4/22/09	HRes 354	Recognizing that the climate system of the Earth is warming and that most of the increase in global average temperatures is very likely due to the observed increase in human greenhouse gas emissions.	Representative Nita Lowey (D NY-18)					Recognizing that the climate system of the Earth is warming and that most of the increase in global average temperatures is very likely due to the observed increase in human greenhouse gas emissions.	All
4/22/09	S 849	A bill to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to conduct a study on black carbon emissions.	Senator Tom Carper (D-DE)					A bill to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to conduct a study on black carbon emissions.	OAR
4/22/09	S 850	A bill to amend the <i>High Seas Driftnet Fishing Moratorium Protection Act</i> and the <i>Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act</i> to improve the conservation of sharks.	Senator John Kerry (D-MA)					A bill to amend the <i>High Seas Driftnet Fishing Moratorium Protection Act</i> and the <i>Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act</i> to improve the conservation of sharks.	NMFS

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4/22/09	S 851	A bill to prohibit the issuance of any lease or other authorization by the Federal Government that authorizes exploration, development, or production of oil or natural gas in any marine national monument or national marine sanctuary or in the fishing grounds known as Georges Bank in the waters of the United States.	Senator John Kerry (D-MA)					A bill to prohibit the issuance of any lease or other authorization by the Federal Government that authorizes exploration, development, or production of oil or natural gas in any marine national monument or national marine sanctuary or in the fishing grounds known as Georges Bank in the waters of the United States.	NOS
4/22/09	S 858	A bill to protect the oceans and Great Lakes, and for other purposes.	Senator Barbara Boxer (D-CA)					A bill to protect the oceans and Great Lakes, and for other purposes.	All
4/22/09	S 859	A bill to amend the provisions of law relating to the John H. Prescott Marine Mammal Rescue Assistance Grant Program, and for other purposes.	Senator Maria Cantwell (D-WA)					A bill to amend the provisions of law relating to the John H. Prescott Marine Mammal Rescue Assistance Grant Program, and for other purposes.	NMFS
4/22/09	HR 2029	<i>National Marine Mammal Research Program Act of 2009</i>	Representative Neil Abercrombie (D HI-1)					The bill would authorize the Marine Mammal Commission to establish a national research program to fund basic and applied research on marine mammals. It would also create a National Marine Mammal Research Coordinating Committee, which would be composed of representatives from various agencies, including, but not limited to: NOAA, Navy, NSF, EPA, and Fish and Wildlife Service.	NMFS
4/27/09	HR 2101	<i>Weapons Acquisition System Reform Through Enhancing Technical Knowledge and Oversight Act of 2009</i>	Representative Ike Skelton (D MO-4)					A bill to improve the organization and procedures of the Department of Defense for the acquisition of major weapon systems. If passed, this bill has the potential to impact the procedures surrounding the acquisition and management of the NPOESS satellite program that NOAA is managing together with the Air Force.	NESDIS
4/28/09	HR 2148	To promote the development and use of marine renewable energy technologies, and for other purposes.	Representative Jay Inslee (D WA-1)					To promote the development and use of marine renewable energy technologies, and for other purposes.	OAR

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4/28/09	S 918	A bill to amend the <i>Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act</i> to add New York to the New England Fishery Management Council, and for other purposes.	Senator Charles Schumer (D-NY)					A bill to amend the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to add New York to the New England Fishery Management Council, and for other purposes.	NMFS
4/29/09	S 923	To promote the development and use of marine renewable energy technologies, and for other purposes.	Senator Lisa Murkowski (R-AK)					To promote the development and use of marine renewable energy technologies, and for other purposes.	OAR
4/30/09	H Res 387	Supporting the goals and ideals of National Hurricane Preparedness Week	Representative Mario Diaz-Balart (R FL-25)					Supporting the goals and ideals of National Hurricane Preparedness Week	NWS
4/30/09	HR 2192	<i>Climate Change Safeguards for Natural Resources Conservation Act</i>	Representative Raul Grijalva (D AZ-7)					To establish an integrated Federal program to protect, restore, and conserve the Nation's natural resources in response to the threats of climate change and ocean acidification.	OAR
5/1/09	S 952	A bill to develop and promote a comprehensive plan for a national strategy to address harmful algal blooms and hypoxia through baseline research, forecasting and monitoring, and mitigation and control while helping communities detect, control, and mitigate coastal and Great Lakes harmful algal blooms and hypoxia events.	Senator Olympia Snowe (R-ME)					A bill to develop and promote a comprehensive plan for a national strategy to address harmful algal blooms and hypoxia through baseline research, forecasting and monitoring, and mitigation and control while helping communities detect, control, and mitigate coastal and Great Lakes harmful algal blooms and hypoxia events.	OAR

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