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Bill Number	Description	Primary sponsor/author	Status
H.R. 425 (Great Lakes Water Protection Act)	create fines for dumping sewage in the Great Lakes, with money going to cleanup fund to invest in waste water treatment systems and habitat protection	U.S. Rep. Robert Dold (Ill.)	referred to Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment
H.R. 892 (Stop Asian Carp Act)	require accelerated study of the feasibility of hydrological separation of Great Lakes and Mississippi River basins	U.S. Rep. Dave Camp (Mich.)	referred to Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans, and Insular Affairs
H.R. 977 (Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore Conservation and Recreation Act)	designate as wilderness certain land and inland water within Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore	U.S. Rep. Bill Huizenga (Mich.)	referred to Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands
H.R. 1189 (Clean Water Affordability Act)	revise requirements for capitalization grant agreements with states for establishing water pollution control revolving funds	U.S. Rep. Bob Latta (Ohio)	referred to Subcommittee on Water Resources and the Environment
H.R. 1375 (Clean Water Protection Act)	prevent industrial mining waste from entering the water supply	U.S. Rep. Frank Pallone (N.J.)	referred to Subcommittee on Water Resources and the Environment
H.R. 1533 (Short Sea Shipping Act)	exempt certain shipping from the harbor maintenance tax	U.S. Rep. Patrick Tiberi (Ohio)	referred to Committee on Ways and Means
H.R. 1677 (Drug Free Water Act)	convene a task force to develop recommendations on proper disposal of unused pharmaceuticals	U.S. Rep. Candice Miller (Mich.)	referred to Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment

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HR 2432	require a comprehensive economic impact statement prior to any major federal action that could affect commercial activity in the Chicago Area Water System	U.S. Rep. Peter Visclosky (Ind.)	referred to Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment
HR 2484 (Harmful Algal Blooms and Hypoxia Research and Control Amendments Act)	reauthorize and modify the Harmful Algal Bloom and Hypoxia Research and Control Act	U.S. Rep. Andy Harris (Md.)	reported out of committee
HR 2584 (Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act)	Authorize transfer of up to \$250 million in FY 2012 appropriations for Great Lakes Restoration Initiative to other programs; prohibit funding for Great Lakes states with ballast water permitting requirement more stringent than Coast Guard's	U.S. Rep. Mike Simpson (Idaho)	reported by House Committee on Appropriations
HR 2838 (Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Act)	set a single national standard for the discharge of ballast water based on International Maritime Organization; state standards or programs must be approved by Coast Guard	U.S. Rep. Frank LoBiondo (N.J.)	passed by House; passed by Senate with amendments (eliminates limits by states)
HR 2840 (Commercial Vessel Discharges Reform Act)	amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to regulate discharges from commercial vessels	U.S. Rep. Frank LoBiondo (N.J.)	included in HR 2838
HR 3570 (Oceans and Human Health Reauthorization Act)	reauthorize program that explores health benefits from U.S. coastal resources, including Great Lakes	U.S. Rep. Lois Capps (Calif.)	referred to Subcommittee on Energy and Environment
HR 4162 (Great Lakes Assurance Program Verification Act)	require the U.S. secretary of agriculture to establish a Great Lakes basin initiative for agricultural nonpoint source pollution prevention	U.S. Rep. Candice Miller (Mich.)	referred to Committee on Agriculture
HR 4295	limit funding for Great Lakes Restoration Initiative to \$350 million a year, among other provisions	U.S. Rep. Marsha Blackburn (Tenn.)	referred to Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
HR 4314	authorize awarding of grants from the secretary of commerce to coastal states, including Great Lakes states, for climate-change adaption planning	U.S. Rep. Lois Capps (Calif.)	referred to Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans, and Insular Affairs
HR 4328 (Great Lakes Assurance Program Verification Act)	require the U.S. secretary of agriculture to establish a Great Lakes basin initiative for agricultural nonpoint source pollution prevention	U.S. Rep. Candice Miller (Mich.)	referred to Subcommittee on Conservation, Energy and Forestry
HR 4348	require Great Lakes Mississippi River Interbasin Study to be completed within 18 months and to focus on permanent prevention of spread of aquatic nuisance species between Great Lakes and the Mississippi River basins, among other provisions	U.S. Rep. John Mica (Fla.)	signed into law
HR 4406 (Stop Invasive Species Act)	require Great Lakes Mississippi River Interbasin Study to be completed within 18 months and to focus on permanent prevention of spread of aquatic nuisance species between Great Lakes and Mississippi River basins	U.S. Rep. Dave Camp (Mich.)	signed into law as part of HR 4348

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HR 5325	authorize emergency measures to keep invasive species out of Great Lakes, among other provisions	U.S. Rep. Rodney Frelinghuysen (N.J.)	placed on Senate Legislative Calendar
HR 5855	allocate more funding for search-and-rescue capabilities in Great Lakes region (H.AMDT.1250)	amendment sponsored by U.S. Rep. Robert Dold (Ill.)	passed by House; amendment agreed to by voice vote
HR 5864 (Invasive Fish and Wildlife Prevention Act)	strengthen U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's ability to designate animals as "injurious," thus stopping their import/shipment between states without a permit	U.S. Rep. Louise Slaughter (N.Y.)	referred to Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security
HR 6091	fund Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (reduced) and Clean Water Revolving Fund (reduced); among other provisions	U.S. Rep. Mike Simpson (Idaho)	placed on Union Calendar
HR 6249	create a trust fund (through a tax on water-based beverages, pharmaceutical products and water disposal products) that provides a dedicated federal funding source for Clean Water State Revolving Loan Funds and other programs	U.S. Rep. Earl Blumenauer (Ore.)	referred to Subcommittee on Energy and Environment
HR 6348	direct Army Corps of Engineers to prevent spread of Asian carp in Great Lakes; install new barriers, apply pesticides, improve locks, and take action at Brandon Road Lock in Illinois	U.S. Rep. Mike Rogers (Mich.)	referred to Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
S. 140 (Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore Conservation and Recreation Act)	designate as wilderness certain land and inland water within Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore	U.S. Sen. Carl Levin (Mich.)	passed by Senate
S. 147 (Great Lakes Water Protection Act)	create fines for dumping sewage in the Great Lakes, with money going to cleanup fund to invest in waste water treatment systems and habitat protection	U.S. Sen. Mark Kirk (Ill.)	referred to Committee on Environment and Public Works
S. 471 (Stop Asian Carp Act)	require accelerated study of the feasibility of hydrological separation of Great Lakes and Mississippi River basins	U.S. Sen. Debbie Stabenow (Mich.)	referred to Committee on Environment and Public Works
S. 485 (Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary and Underwater Preserve Boundary Modification Act)	expand Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary	U.S. Sen. Carl Levin (Mich.)	reported out of Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee
S. 875 (Drinking Water Right to Know Act)	require additional monitoring of certain contaminants	U.S. Sen. Frank Lautenberg (N.J.)	referred to Committee on Environment and Public Works
S. 892 (Consolidation of U.S. Department of Energy and Environmental Protection Agency Act)	limit funding for Great Lakes Restoration Initiative to \$350 million a year, among other provisions	U.S. Sen. Richard Burr (N.C.)	referred to Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
S. 973 (National Endowment for the Oceans Act)	establish endowment for programs to restore, protect, maintain or understand living marine resources and their habitats, including in Great Lakes	U.S. Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse (R.I.)	referred to Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

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S. 1119 (Trash Free Seas Act)	reauthorize and improve the Marine Debris Research, Prevention and Reduction Act	U.S. Sen. Daniel Inouye (Hawaii)	placed on Senate Legislative Calendar
S. 1197	require a comprehensive economic impact statement prior to any major federal action that could affect commercial activity in the Chicago Area Water System	U.S. Sen. Dan Coats (Ind.)	referred to Committee on Environment and Public Works
S. 1397 (Incentivizing Offshore Wind Power Act)	provide for an investment tax credit related to the production of electricity from offshore wind	U.S. Sen. Tom Carper (Del.)	referred to Committee on Finance
S. 1665 (Coast Guard Authorization Act)	authorize funding for Coast Guard activities, including on Great Lakes	U.S. Sen. Mark Begich (Alaska)	placed on Senate Legislative Calendar
S. 1701 (Harmful Algal Blooms and Hypoxia Research and Control Amendments Act)	develop program to address harmful algal blooms and hypoxia through baseline research, monitoring, prevention, mitigation and control; facilitate new state plans	U.S. Sen. Olympia Snowe (Maine)	reported out of Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee
S. 1964 (Great Lakes Short Sea Shipping Enhancement Act)	exempt from the harbor maintenance tax certain commercial cargo loaded or unloaded at U.S. states' ports in Great Lakes Saint Lawrence Seaway System	U.S. Sen. Debbie Stabenow (Mich.)	referred to Committee on Finance
S. 2317 (Stop Invasive Species Act)	require Great Lakes Mississippi River Interbasin Study to be completed within 18 months and to focus on permanent prevention of spread of aquatic nuisance species between Great Lakes and the Mississippi River basins	U.S. Sen. Debbie Stabenow (Mich.)	referred to Committee on Environment and Public Works; signed into law as part of HR 4348
S. 2465	authorize emergency measures to keep invasive species out of Great Lakes, among other provisions	U.S. Sen. Dianne Feinstein (Calif.)	placed on Senate Legislative Calendar
S. 3332 (Vessel Incidental Discharge Act)	implement enforceable uniform national standards for regulation of incidental vessel discharges; establish ballast water discharge standard; preempt state laws or regulations that have a discharge standard	U.S. Sen. Mark Begich (Alaska)	referred to Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation
S. 3371	establish a comprehensive ocean, coastal, Great Lakes, and atmospheric research, prediction and environmental information program to support renewable energy	U.S. Sen. Mark Begich (Alaska)	referred to Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation
S. 3388 (Sewage Overflow Community Right-to-Know Act)	ensure that sewage treatment plants monitor for and report discharges of raw sewage	U.S. Sen. Frank Lautenberg (N.J.)	referred to Committee on Environment and Public Works
S. 3570 (Vessel Incidental Discharge Act)	implement enforceable uniform national standards for regulation of incidental vessel discharges; establish ballast water discharge standard; preempt state laws or regulations that have a discharge standard	U.S. Sen. Marco Rubio (Fla.)	referred to Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation
S. 3588 (Great Lakes Ecosystem Protection Act)	reauthorize Great Lakes Legacy Act, authorize Great Lakes Restoration Initiative, implement Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement, and other provisions	U.S. Sen. Carl Levin (Mich.)	referred to Committee on Environment and Public Works