



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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**S. 485
Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary
and Underwater Preserve Boundary Modification Act**

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science,
and Transportation on May 5, 2011*

S. 485 would expand the boundary of the Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary and Underwater Preserve, located in Lake Huron and managed jointly by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and the state of Michigan. The proposed boundary expansion would encompass submerged lands within the Michigan counties of Presque Isle and Acona, ranging northward to the United States-Canada border.

Under the bill, the Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary and Underwater Preserve would be expanded from 448 square miles to about 4,000 square miles. Based on information provided by NOAA, CBO estimates that managing the new areas that would be added to the sanctuary would cost about \$1 million a year over the 2012-2016 period assuming the availability of appropriated funds. Enacting S. 485 would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

S. 485 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as define in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

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