



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE

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H.R. 1308
Endangered Salmon and Fisheries Predation Prevention Act

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Natural Resources
on November 14, 2013*

H.R. 1308 would authorize the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to issue permits to allow states and tribal entities in the Northwest United States to kill California sea lions under certain circumstances. Each permit would allow up to 10 sea lions a year to be removed from healthy populations that threaten species of salmon and other fish that are listed as endangered or threatened under the Endangered Species Act.

Under current law, NOAA has the authority to issue permits to kill certain marine mammals that threaten other species. Based on information provided by the agency, CBO estimates that providing NOAA with the authority to issue such permits for California sea lions would have a negligible impact on the federal budget. Enacting H.R. 1308 would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

H.R. 1308 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

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