



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE

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H.R. 3069

Endangered Salmon and Fisheries Predation Prevention Act

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Natural Resources on October 5, 2011

H.R. 3069 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 (engage in the lethal taking of) 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. 3069 would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

H.R. 3069 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

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