



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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S. 1401
Pacific Salmon Stronghold Conservation Act of 2011
*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science,
and Transportation on November 2, 2011*

SUMMARY

S. 1401 would authorize the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to carry out certain activities related to the conservation of certain salmon habitats. Assuming appropriation of the necessary amounts, CBO estimates that implementing the legislation would cost \$118 million over the 2012-2016 period.

Enacting the legislation could increase offsetting receipts (from private donations) and associated direct spending; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures apply. However, CBO estimates that the net effects would be negligible for each year. Enacting the bill would not affect revenues.

S. 1401 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA).

ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

The estimated budgetary impact of S. 1401 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 300 (natural resources and environment).

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars					
	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2012- 2016

CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION

Estimated Authorization Level	30	31	32	32	33	158
Estimated Outlays	6	22	27	31	32	118

BASIS OF ESTIMATE

For this estimate, CBO assumes that the legislation will be enacted early in 2012 and that the necessary amounts will be appropriated for each fiscal year. Estimated outlays are based on historical spending patterns for similar NOAA activities.

S. 1401 would require the Secretary of Commerce to establish a partnership between public and private entities to identify and protect certain salmon habitats. The bill would authorize NOAA to provide grants to support the activities of the partnership. The bill also would authorize NOAA to collect and disseminate information related to salmon habitats. Based on information provided by NOAA about the cost of performing similar activities, CBO estimates that implementing the legislation would cost \$118 million over the 2012-2016 period, assuming appropriation of the necessary amounts.

PAY-AS-YOU-GO CONSIDERATIONS

The statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010 establishes budget-reporting and enforcement procedures for legislation affecting direct spending and revenues. Enacting S. 1401 could increase offsetting receipts and associated direct spending; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures apply. However, CBO estimates that the net effects would be negligible for each year. Enacting the bill would not affect revenues.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT

S. 1401 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA and would impose no cost on state, local, or tribal governments.

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