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## **The Coastal Jobs Creation Act of 2010, H.R. 4914**

Congressman Pallone (D-NJ), Congresswoman Pingree (D-ME), and Congresswoman Shear-Porter (D-NH) introduced H.R. 4914, the “Coastal Jobs Creation Act of 2010” on March 23, 2010.

### What is the Coastal Jobs Creation Act of 2010?

The Coastal Jobs Creation Act of 2010 is new legislation that creates jobs for fishermen and coastal communities as fish populations rebuild.

### What does the Coastal Jobs Creation Act of 2010 do?

The Coastal Jobs Creation Act of 2010 creates a grant program, called the “Coastal Jobs Creation Grant Program”, to fund new jobs for fishermen that will promote sustainable fisheries and fishing communities, revitalize waterfronts and improve the ocean environment.

### What kinds of jobs and activities would be funded through the Coastal Jobs Creation Act of 2010?

- Cooperative research between fishermen and scientists to:
  - Collect data on economic and social impacts of fisheries management;
  - Restore habitats;
  - Enhance stock assessments; and
  - Reduce bycatch.
- Train and deploy fisheries observers;
- Revitalize working waterfronts and ports;
- Test and deploy new weather monitoring technologies that will help small fishing operations;
- Improve recreational fishing data and create state recreational fishing registry programs; Preserve and restore the ocean environment, including research within the National Estuarine Research Reserve System, the National Marine Sanctuary System, and coral reef ecosystems; and
- Use fishermen and their boats to reduce and prevent marine debris.

### How does this bill ensure that fishermen and coastal communities will benefit from this new grant program?

- All activities funded through the grant program must:
  - Provide the maximum number of jobs and benefits for fishing communities;
  - Improve fisheries management decisions; and
  - Contribute to restoring and protecting coastal and ocean ecosystems.

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