



“Oceana applauds Rep. Gabe Amo (D-RI) and Rep. Jared Huffman (D-CA) for introducing the Stop NOAA Closures Act,” said **Beth Lowell, Oceana U.S. Vice President**. “The departments within NOAA provide essential services from managing our national fisheries, monitoring and forecasting our weather, charting our oceans, and protecting our coastal communities. Closing facilities would jeopardize millions of Americans who depend on healthy oceans and thriving fisheries for their jobs, businesses, and even the meals they feed their families. A strong NOAA is a strong United States.”

“It's a story that has become all too familiar: intense storms and extreme weather events threatening our states and regions, destroying communities and habitats, and tragically ending and upending lives being built there,” said **Patrick Drupp, PhD, Director of Climate Policy for the Sierra Club**. “NOAA's work is more critical now than ever, and on behalf of the Sierra Club's millions of members and supporters, we're proud to support Representatives Amo and Huffman's legislation to help ensure that the life-saving scientific work, research, and forecasting of NOAA continues across all of its offices.”

“Whether you're on land or out at sea, NOAA offices in communities around the nation keep you safe, get you to work and keep food on your table,” said **Reggie Paros, Senior Director, Ocean Public Affairs, Environmental Defense Fund**.

“Unfortunately, the Trump administration's proposal to shutter some of these facilities threatens our ability to keep track of extreme weather, earn a living on the ocean, eat delicious seafood and protect our coastal ecosystems. Rep. Amo and Rep. Huffman's proposal rightly ensures that NOAA remains part of the fabric of local communities and that these facilities stay open for the benefit of all of us.”

“This bill is essential to staving off the unrelenting attacks on science underway,” said **Carlos Martinez, PhD, Senior Climate Scientist, with the Union of Concerned Scientists**. “Keeping NOAA's facilities, including its 10 research laboratories, 122 weather forecast offices, and six fisheries science centers operational is nonnegotiable. These programs help us forecast weather extremes, understand climate impacts, maintain sustainable fisheries, and monitor the ocean and atmosphere. These facilities also maintain and utilize tools such as hurricane aircrafts, air quality sensors, supercomputers, weather satellites and radars, tide gauges, and weather balloons that protect lives, inform emergency response, and support billions of dollars in economic activity. For example, NOAA's hurricane forecasting improvements over two decades now save taxpayers [\\$2 billion per hurricane](#). Closing these facilities would severely undermine our national preparedness and responsiveness to extreme weather events and climate risks. Congress must invest in NOAA, not dismantle it.”

"For decades, NOAA has played an important leadership role in observing and monitoring our oceans," said **Topher Hamblett, Executive Director of Save The Bay**. "Continuing that work is critically important for the health of our oceans and coasts, as well as our economy. We thank Congressman Amo for his leadership safeguarding NOAA's vital role."

"NOAA plays an often invisible, underappreciated role in protecting the air we breathe, the water we drink and swim in, and the animals who rely on a thriving natural world," said **Darrèll Brown, Conservation Law Foundation Vice President for Rhode Island**. "Any proposal to dismantle NOAA's resources or shutter its facilities is short-sighted and dangerous. This isn't just about losing data—it's about losing national security assets, critical public health tools, and scientific infrastructure that took decades to build and cannot easily be replaced. This bill is about standing up for science, for our environment, and for the thousands of experts whose work keeps us safe."

"The potential closure of individual NOAA offices poses a significant threat to the environment, impacting not just the present but also future generations," said **Emily How, State Director of Clean Water Action Rhode Island**. "We're already witnessing the alarming consequences of inaction on climate change. NOAA's research both informs long term planning for our cities and towns and also helps us prepare for immediate threats. Closing our eyes won't make the impacts of climate change disappear."

"The Woonasquatucket River Watershed Council (WRWC) has worked with NOAA for the last 20 years to create spawning habitat for river herring along the lower Woonasquatucket River. River herring such as alewife and blueback herring are key habitat improvement species feeding both river and ocean animals, and we need more to keep the animals we depend upon for food viable," said **Alicia Lehrer, Executive Director of the Woonasquatucket River Watershed Council**. "Thanks to NOAA's support, we have had great success, bringing back over 34,000 spawning adults in one year to our once industrial river. They have also been essential partners in helping WRWC understand both the habitat value and human value of the Woonasquatucket River as a whole, helping us guide our restoration efforts where they make the most impact for our investment. With NOAA's project funding, we have improved miles of eroding streambank and engaged thousands of local residents and students in caring for these essential resources. NOAA's partnership with nonprofits like WRWC is irreplaceable."

"Azul is proud to stand with Rep. Amo and Ranking Member Huffman in support of this proposal to protect fishing communities and ensure that ocean conservation goes hand-in-hand with community leadership and equity," said **Marce Gutierrez Graudiņš, Founder and Executive Director, Azul**. "Latinos in coastal communities have long depended on healthy, sustainable fisheries, and we need solutions that respect livelihoods and celebrate local knowledge while protecting our ocean for future generations."

“NOAA staff and facilities must be protected from any further reduction or closing of additional offices,” said **Joanie Steinhaus, Ocean Program Director for Turtle Island Restoration Network**. “NOAA provides weather forecasting and issues extreme weather alerts, protects national marine sanctuaries, ensures fisheries stay sustainable and safe for consumption, delivers life-saving information on sea level rise and protects the ocean. Closure of NOAA offices threatens our health, safety and our ability to safeguard our natural resources.”