

Jared Golden Says He Supports Maine's Lobstermen, But In Washington, Golden Accepted Thousands From An Anti-Lobster Group And He Voted Multiple Times To Strengthen The Regulatory Agency Cracking Down On Lobstermen

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The Maine Commercial Lobster Industry Employs Approximately 6,000 Mainers, Brought In Over \$450 Million In Lobster Sales In 2019 And Pumps \$1.5 Billion Into The Maine Economy

The Maine Lobster Industry Brought In \$458.4 Million In Lobster Sales Alone In 2019. "Despite the slow start, Maine fishermen eked out a good year. A 20 percent increase in the per-pound boat price of lobster meant the overall value of Maine's haul remained pretty stable, coming in at \$485.4 million, despite the double-digit decrease in 2019 total landings." (Penelope Overton, "Though Maine's Lobster Harvest Was Smallest In 9 Years, Value Remained Steady," [Portland Press Herald](#), 3/6/20)

The Lobster Industry And Supply Chain Pumps \$1.5 Billion Per Year Into The Maine Economy. "In Maine, where the lobster industry and its supply chain pumps an estimated \$1.5 billion a year into the state economy, the timing of the molt rises above a mere scientific observation and turns into an economic indicator that is discussed and documented all along the state's 3,500-mile coast." (Penelope Overton, "Though Maine's Lobster Harvest Was Smallest In 9 Years, Value Remained Steady," [Portland Press Herald](#), 3/6/20)

In 2020, There Were Approximately 6,000 Commercial Lobster Fishermen In Maine. "In recent years — prior to the ongoing pandemic that shut down much of the global economy in late winter and early spring, when many lobstermen typically do not fish — Maine's 6,000 or so commercial lobster fishermen have benefited from continued demand for their catch, despite legal challenges over the industry's impact on whales and trade policies promoted by President Donald Trump that have reduced overseas demand for Maine seafood." (Bill Trotter, "Maine's Lobster Industry Has Kept Bringing In Big Money, But That Could Change With COVID-19," [Bangor Daily News](#), 6/25/20)

Maine Lobstermen Protested A Floating Wind Turbine Built By New England Aqua Ventus And Have Expressed Concern "Wind Development Will End Our Fishing Heritage"

In March 2021, Maine Lobstermen Protested A Floating Offshore Wind Turbine Near Monhegan Island, Rallying About 80 Boats. "Scores of Maine lobstermen left the docks Sunday morning to protest plans to build a floating offshore wind turbine near Monhegan Island. The protest rally included about 80 boats, according to several of the fishermen, and was held a dozen miles offshore, close to the spot where New England Aqua Ventus plans to build the huge wind turbine." (Don Carrigan, "Dozens Of Lobster Boats Gather Off Monhegan To Protest Floating Wind Turbine," [News Center Maine](#), 3/21/21)

- **The Turbine Is Being Built By New England Aqua Ventus.** "The protest rally included about 80 boats, according to several of the fishermen, and was held a dozen miles offshore, close to the spot where New England Aqua Ventus plans to build the huge wind turbine." (Don Carrigan, "Dozens Of Lobster Boats Gather Off Monhegan To Protest Floating Wind Turbine," [News Center Maine](#), 3/21/21)

Maine Fishing Industries Have Expressed Concern That “Wind Development Will End Our Fishing Heritage.” “A statement from a fisheries industry group said its members are committed to clean, renewable energy and protecting the environment, but do not share Mills’ vision of achieving these goals ‘through rushed offshore wind development in the Gulf of Maine.’ ‘Maine’s fishing community is deeply concerned that wind development will end our fishing heritage which has sustained our coastal communities for centuries and is integral part of Maine’s identity,’ the statement from Responsible Offshore Development Association said. ‘Without dedicated research proving otherwise, we are skeptical that offshore wind can deliver on its promise of affordable clean energy as promised by global energy companies.’ The association is composed of the Maine Lobstermen’s Association, the Maine Coast Fishermen’s Association, the Maine Lobster Dealers Association, the Maine Lobstering Union, the Maine Center for Coastal Fisheries and the Downeast Lobstermen’s Association.” (Tux Turkel, “Aiming To Ease Fishing Industry’s Concerns, Mills Proposes Moratorium On Offshore Wind,” [Portland Press Herald](#), 1/25/21)

The Responsible Offshore Development Company, Which Is Made Up Of Maine Lobstermen’s Association, The Maine Coast Fishermen’s Association, The Maine Lobster Dealers Association, The Maine Lobstering Union, The Maine Center For Coastal Fisheries And The Downeast Lobstermen’s Association Said They Support Renewable Energy But Not “Rushed Offshore Wind Developments In The Gulf Of Maine.” “Lobstermen say they support renewable energy, just not “rushed offshore wind developments in the Gulf of Maine,” according to a statement from the Responsible Offshore Development Association, which is composed of the Maine Lobstermen’s Association, the Maine Coast Fishermen’s Association, the Maine Lobster Dealers Association, the Maine Lobstering Union, the Maine Center for Coastal Fisheries and the Downeast Lobstermen’s Association.” (Staff, “Golden Backs Environmental Groups Despite Concerns Of Maine Lobstermen,” [Maine Examiner](#), 5/20/21)

Democrat Governor Janet Mills Acknowledged The Offshore Wind Industry Is Unpopular With Lobstermen And Has Proposed A 10-Year Moratorium On New Offshore Wind Projects, To Defuse Opposition But Her Plan Would Allow The Aqua Ventus Windmill To Continue

Mills Proposed A Wind Project Moratorium To Defuse Opposition And Avoid Conflict With Maine’s Fishing Interests. “In a bid to defuse opposition and avoid conflict with Maine’s fishing interests, Gov. Janet Mills proposed a series of actions Monday to advance a floating wind research project planned for far offshore in federal waters, while protecting the near-shore waters valued for lobstering and coastal tourism. In a letter to licensed commercial fishermen, Mills announced that she will ask the Legislature to approve a 10-year moratorium on new offshore wind projects in waters managed by the state, which extend three miles from shore.” (Tux Turkel, “Aiming To Ease Fishing Industry’s Concerns, Mills Proposes Moratorium On Offshore Wind,” [Portland Press Herald](#), 1/25/21)

- **The Ban Would Not Include Aqua Ventus.** “The ban, however, wouldn’t include the already permitted New England Aqua Ventus demonstration site off Monhegan island. That venture, which would feature a single turbine atop a floating platform pioneered at the University of Maine, is being developed in a \$100 million partnership with two global ocean energy companies, Diamond Offshore Wind and RWE Renewables.” (Tux Turkel, “Aiming To Ease Fishing Industry’s Concerns, Mills Proposes Moratorium On Offshore Wind,” [Portland Press Herald](#), 1/25/21)

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undersea cables. But developers are looking for a more welcoming reception from President Biden, who has made fighting climate change a priority.” (Tux Turkel, “Aiming To Ease Fishing Industry’s Concerns, Mills Proposes Moratorium On Offshore Wind,” [Portland Press Herald](#), 1/25/21)

Golden Has Supported The Aqua Ventus Project And Praised Wind Energy, Pledging To Help The Wind Industry Get Tax Credits And “Flourish” In Maine

Golden Praised The Aqua Ventus Project In 2020. “The four members of Maine’s congressional delegation released a joint statement Wednesday on the partnership announcement. ‘For generations, Maine has been a national leader when it comes to using our natural resources sustainably to create jobs, protect our environment and power our economy,’ Sens. Susan Collins and Angus King, and Reps. Chellie Pingree and Jared Golden said in the statement. ‘The University of Maine’s floating deepwater offshore wind project carries on that tradition. We have strongly supported UMaine’s development of the Aqua Ventus project. We are proud to see the project’s progress and applaud the \$100 million public-private partnership launched (Wednesday), which will accelerate UMaine’s development of its innovative technology and create jobs. Maine’s offshore wind resource potential is 36 times greater than the state’s electricity demand, making this project so significant for Maine’s clean energy future.’” (Glenn Jordan, “University Of Maine Enters Into Public-Private Offshore Wind Venture Worth \$147 Million,” [Portland Press Herald](#), 8/6/20)

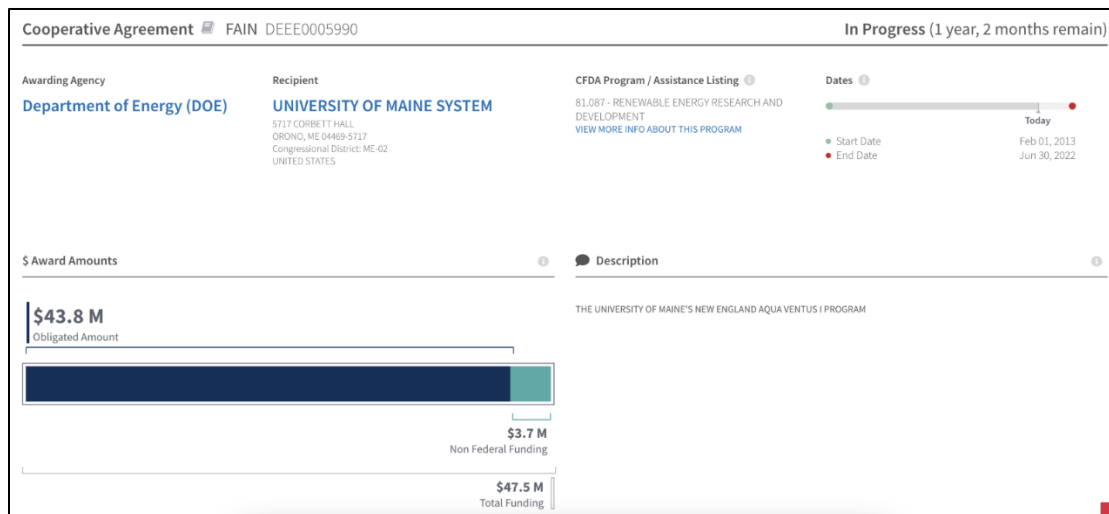
Per The *Maine Examiner*, Golden Supports The Aqua Ventus Program. “Aqua Ventus is a massive government partnership that would create an offshore wind facility located in the heart of lobstermen fishing territory, and it is doing so with the support of Golden, Congresswoman Chellie Pingree and Senator Angus King.” (“Golden Backs Environmental Groups Despite Concerns Of Maine Lobstermen,” [Maine Examiner](#), 5/20/21)

On His Congressional Website, Golden Prioritizes Wind Energy, Saying He Is “Working To Pave The Way For These Industries To Flourish” And That He Is “Working To Help Maine Take Advantage Of Its Potential For Wind And Solar Energy Thought Tax Credits And Other Policies.” “Maine’s potential to spur economic growth, create jobs in rural areas, and combat climate change through solar, wind, and biomass energy production is unparalleled in the Northeastern US. Jared is working to pave the way for these industries to flourish and support jobs here in Maine with legislation like the BTU Act, which would incentivize the use of biomass for affordable, energy- efficient heating in homes and businesses and help grow Maine’s forest products industry. Jared is working to help Maine take advantage of its potential for wind and solar energy through tax credits and other policies.” (“Energy And Environment,” [Congressman Jared Golden](#), Accessed 4/12/21)

The Aqua Ventus Program Has Received At Least \$55.1 Million In Federal Funding, More Governmental Support Than The Lobster Industry Has Received

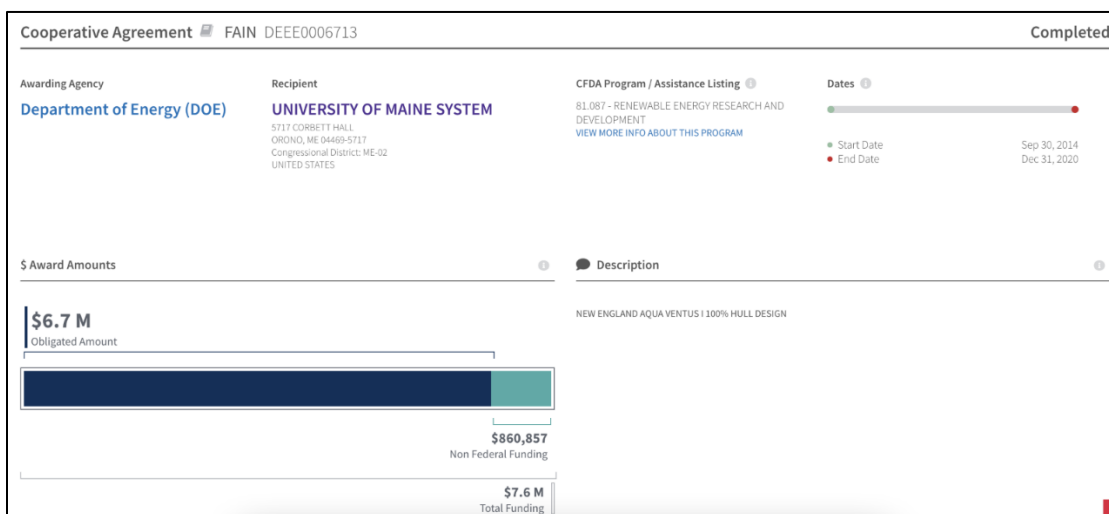
The Aqua Ventus Program Has Received More Federal Funding Than Maine Lobstermen Have. “According to public records, the program has received more than \$55 million in grant funding from the Department of Energy for its construction. Unfortunately for lobstermen, the program is getting more support from the federal government than they are. As a result of the trade war with China, Maine lobstermen were eligible to get up to \$50 million in economic relief, as of November Senator Susan Collins office said they’ve only been able to collect \$36 million of those funds.” (“Golden Backs Environmental Groups Despite Concerns Of Maine Lobstermen,” [Maine Examiner](#), 5/20/21)

The University Of Maine’s Aqua Ventus Program Received A Federal Grant For \$47.5 Million From The Department Of Energy, And Is Still Receiving Grant Money. (“Grant Search – Aqua Ventus,” [USASpending](#), Accessed 4/12/21)



(“Grant Search – Aqua Ventus,” [USASpending](#), Accessed 4/12/21)

The University Of Maine Received A \$7.6 Million Federal Grant From The Department Of Energy For The Aqua Ventus Hull Design. (“Grant Search – Aqua Ventus,” [USASpending](#), Accessed 8/21/23)



(“Grant Search – Aqua Ventus,” [USASpending](#), Accessed 8/21/23)

Maine Lobstermen Were Eligible For Up To \$50 Million In Economic Relief. “Maine lobster fishermen are about to get a \$50 million federal bailout to offset the crippling impact of the United States-China trade war. The U.S. Department of Agriculture announced on Wednesday the creation of a \$527 million seafood trade relief program that will pay licensed fishermen a species-specific amount for every pound landed in 2019 to absorb sales declines and increased marketing costs caused by China’s retaliatory tariffs. The individual payout is capped at \$250,000.” (Penelope Overton, “Feds To Pay Maine Lobstermen \$50 Million To Offset Trade War Losses,” [Portland Press Herald](#), 9/9/20)

As Of November 2020, Maine Lobstermen Had Received \$36.2 Million In Trade And COVID Economic Support. “U.S. Senator Susan Collins announced that Maine lobstermen and women have been awarded a total of \$36,284,110.12 to date to help offset the financial harm they have experienced due to China’s retaliatory tariffs. The funding has been provided through the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s (USDA) Seafood Trade Relief Program. ‘Unfair retaliatory tariffs as well as the COVID-19 pandemic that has closed restaurants and reduced exports have placed increasing financial pressure on Maine’s hardworking lobstermen and women,’ said Senator Collins. ‘These direct payments I worked to secure will help provide some relief. Maine’s lobster industry has sustained coastal communities and families for generations, and I will continue to fight to keep this industry strong.’” (Senator Susan Collins, “More Than \$36 Million In Trade Relief Has Been Awarded To Maine Lobstermen & Women,” [Press Release](#), 11/10/20)

Anthony Buxton And Andrew Roth-Wells Are Lobbyists Who Currently Represent New England Aqua Ventus

Anthony W. Buxton Is A Lobbyist At Preti Flaherty Beliveau & Pachios. (“Lobbyist/Client Information,” [Maine Commission On Governmental Ethics & Election Practices](#), Accessed 8/21/23)

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Andrew Roth-Wells Is A Lobbyist Associate For New England Aqua Ventus. (“Lobbyist/Client Information,” [Maine Commission On Governmental Ethics & Election Practices](#), Accessed 8/21/23)

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(“Lobbyist/Client Information,” [Maine Commission On Governmental Ethics & Election Practices](#), Accessed 8/21/23)

Golden Has Taken A Total Of \$3,406 From Anthony Buxton And Andrew Roth-Wells

NOTE: It appears that Anthony Buxton's name was misspelled as "Anbony Buxton" on select filings.

Golden Has Taken \$2,556 From Anthony Buxton. ([Federal Election Commission](#), Accessed 8/21/23)

Contributor name	Recipient	State	Employer	Receipt date	Amount
BUXTON, ANTHONY W.	COMMITTEE TO ELECT JARED GOLDEN	ME	PRETI FLAHERTY	10/05/2020	\$500.00
BUXTON, ANTBONY	COMMITTEE TO ELECT JARED GOLDEN	ME	PRETI FLAHERTY	11/05/2018	\$25.00
BUXTON, ANTBONY	COMMITTEE TO ELECT JARED GOLDEN	ME	PRETI FLAHERTY	11/02/2018	\$100.00
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BUXTON, ANTBONY	COMMITTEE TO ELECT JARED GOLDEN	ME	PRETI FLAHERTY	10/30/2018	\$100.00
BUXTON, ANTBONY	COMMITTEE TO ELECT JARED GOLDEN	ME	PRETI FLAHERTY	10/26/2018	\$100.00
BUXTON, ANTBONY	COMMITTEE TO ELECT JARED GOLDEN	ME	PRETI FLAHERTY	10/24/2018	\$100.00
BUXTON, ANTBONY	COMMITTEE TO ELECT JARED GOLDEN	ME	PRETI FLAHERTY	10/19/2018	\$100.00
BUXTON, ANTBONY	COMMITTEE TO ELECT JARED GOLDEN	ME	PRETI FLAHERTY	10/17/2018	\$100.00
BUXTON, ANTBONY	COMMITTEE TO ELECT JARED GOLDEN	ME	PRETI FLAHERTY	10/11/2018	\$100.00
BUXTON, ANTBONY	COMMITTEE TO ELECT JARED GOLDEN	ME	PRETI FLAHERTY	10/04/2018	\$100.00
BUXTON, ANTHONY	COMMITTEE TO ELECT JARED GOLDEN	ME	PRETI FLAHERTY	06/07/2018	\$250.00
BUXTON, ANTHONY	COMMITTEE TO ELECT JARED GOLDEN	ME	PRETI FLAHERTY	05/29/2018	\$100.00
BUXTON, ANTBONY	COMMITTEE TO ELECT JARED GOLDEN	ME	PRETI FLAHERTY	05/12/2018	\$31.00
BUXTON, ANTBONY	COMMITTEE TO ELECT JARED GOLDEN	ME	PRETI FLAHERTY	05/08/2018	\$250.00
BUXTON, ANTHONY W.	COMMITTEE TO ELECT JARED GOLDEN	ME	PRETI FLAHERTY	11/29/2017	\$400.00
BUXTON, ANTHONY W.	COMMITTEE TO ELECT JARED GOLDEN	ME	PRETI FLAHERTY	11/10/2017	\$100.00

([Federal Election Commission](#), Accessed 8/21/23)

Jared Golden Has Taken \$1,350 From Andrew Roth-Wells. ([Federal Election Commission](#), Accessed 8/21/23)

Contributor name	Recipient	State	Employer	Receipt date	Amount
ROTH-WELLS, ANDREW	COMMITTEE TO ELECT JARED GOLDEN	ME	PRETI, FLAHERTY, BELIVEAU & PACHIOS	09/22/2022	\$250.00
ROTH-WELLS, ANDREW	COMMITTEE TO ELECT JARED GOLDEN	ME	PRETI, FLAHERTY, BELIVEAU & PACHIOS	03/31/2022	\$250.00
ROTH-WELLS, ANDREW	COMMITTEE TO ELECT JARED GOLDEN	ME	MAINE SENATE MAJORITY OFFICE	09/22/2020	\$100.00
ROTH-WELLS, ANDREW	COMMITTEE TO ELECT JARED GOLDEN	ME	SENATE MAJORITY OFFICE	03/06/2020	\$250.00
ROTH-WELLS, ANDREW	COMMITTEE TO ELECT JARED GOLDEN	ME	SENATE MAJORITY OFFICE	11/21/2017	\$250.00
ROTH-WELLS, ANDREW	COMMITTEE TO ELECT JARED GOLDEN	ME	SENATE MAJORITY OFFICE	09/12/2017	\$250.00

([Federal Election Commission](#), Accessed 8/21/23)

In 2021, NOAA Introduced Crippling Regulations On The American Lobstering Industry That Have Led Some In The Industry To Quit Following The New Regulations Taking Effect In 2024

On August 31st, 2021, NOAA Announced New Regulations On North Atlantic Fisheries, Including The Lobstering Industry, In The Name Of Conservation Efforts To Save The North Atlantic Right Whale. “Today, NOAA Fisheries announced new regulations for the lobster and Jonah crab trap and pot fisheries operating in the Northeast United States to help save endangered North Atlantic right whales by reducing their risk of entanglement in fishing gear. NOAA Fisheries and our partners are dedicated to conserving and rebuilding the North Atlantic right whale population, which is endangered and declining. The decline began in 2010, and accelerated most notably when 17 mortalities were documented in 2017, leading to the declaration of an ongoing Unusual Mortality Event. Since then, 34 right whales have died and 16 have been seriously injured, primarily due to entanglements and vessel strikes.” (Allison Ferreira, “NOAA Fisheries Announces New Lobster And Jonah Crab Fisheries Regulations To Help Save Endangered North Atlantic Right Whales,” [NOAA](#), 8/31/21)

The NOAA Lobstering Regulations, Which Went Into Effect In 2024, Were Described As “So Strict, They Could Put Them Out Of Business.” “The price of lobsters at the docks has ebbed and flowed in recent years, but it has stayed fairly consistent to consumers. The price at the docks spiked to more than \$6.70 per pound in 2021 and fell to less than \$4 per pound in 2022. Last year, it was a little less than \$5 per pound, and the total catch was worth more than \$460 million at the docks, according to data released Friday. That is the third highest figure of the last four years. The state's fishermen have been in a lengthy legal battle with the federal government over rules designed to protect the whales, which are vulnerable to entanglement in fishing gear. The fishermen argue the proposed rules are so strict they could put them out of business, but conservationists say they are essential to save the whales, which number less than 360 in the world. A right whale found dead off Massachusetts this winter showed signs of entanglement in Maine gear.” (Patrick Whittle, “Lobster Catch Dips To Lowest Level Since 2009 Amid Climate Change, Whale Rules,” [WGME](#), 3/1/24)

- **WGME Headline: “I'm Not Going To Hang Around:’ Some Maine Lobstermen Decide To Quit Over New Regulations.”** (Brad Rogers, 'I'm Not Going To Hang Around:’ Some Maine Lobstermen Decide To Quit Over New Regulations, [WGME](#), 3/29/24)

Maine Lobstermen And Women Have Argued That The Regulations Imposed By NOAA Are Entirely Redundant, As There Have Been No Documented Incidents Of Their Lobstering Interfering With Whales Since 2004. “Curt Brown, lobsterman and marine biologist for Ready Seafood, says that Maine’s lobstering industry has been proactive in complying with these new regulations. ‘We’re certainly not opposed to protecting right whales, quite to the contrary.’ But many lobstermen and women question the necessity of these seemingly ever-more-restrictive right whale regulations, particularly because they maintain that there has been no documented entanglement of a right whale in Maine lobstering equipment since 2004, and there has never been a recorded right whale death associated with Maine’s lobstering industry. ‘Ultimately, we’re not in favor of being put out of business for rules and regulations that aren’t going to save any right whales,’ explains Brown.” (Samantha Maxwell, “The Uncertain Future Of Lobstering In Maine,” [Modern Farmer](#), 1/3/24)

Following NOAA’s Announcement To Levy New Regulations On The Lobstering Industry, Golden Voted To Increase NOAA’s Funding By More Than \$6 Billion

On November 5, 2021, Jared Golden Voted For The Motion To Concur On H.R. 3684, Passing The Infrastructure Investment And Jobs Act. (H.R. 3684, [Roll Call 369](#), Passed 228-206: R 13-200, D 215-6, Golden Voted YEA 11/5/21)

- **The Infrastructure Investment And Jobs Act Allocated An Additional \$2.6 Billion To NOAA.** “NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION OPERATIONS, RESEARCH, AND FACILITIES: For an additional amount for “Operations, Research, and Facilities”, \$2,611,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2027.” (Public Law 117-58, 117th Congress, Page 927, [Library Of Congress](#), 11/15/21)

Golden Voted For The Consolidated Appropriations Act Of 2022. (H.R. 2471, [Roll Call # 66](#), Approved 260-271: R 39-171; D 221-0; Golden Voted YEA, 3/9/22)

The Consolidated Appropriations Act Of 2022 Increased NOAA’s Budget By Nearly \$600 Million Compared To The Consolidated Appropriations Act Of 2021. “For necessary expenses of activities authorized by law for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, including maintenance, operation, and hire of aircraft and vessels; pilot programs for State-led fisheries management, notwithstanding any other provision of law; grants, contracts, or other payments to nonprofit organizations for the purposes of conducting activities pursuant to cooperative agreements; and relocation of facilities, \$4,157,311,000, to remain available until September 30, 2023: Provided, That fees and donations received by the National Ocean Service for the management of national marine sanctuaries may be retained and used for the salaries and expenses associated with those activities, notwithstanding section 3302 of title 31, United States Code: Provided further, That in addition, \$243,532,000 shall be derived by transfer from the fund entitled “Promote and Develop Fishery Products and Research Pertaining to American Fisheries”, which shall only be used for fishery activities related to the Saltonstall-Kennedy Grant Program; Fisheries Data Collections, Surveys, and Assessments; Observers and Training; Fisheries Management Programs and Services; and Interjurisdictional Fisheries Grants: Provided further, That not to exceed \$67,867,000 shall be for payment to the “Department of Commerce Working Capital Fund”: Provided further, That of the \$4,423,843,000 provided for in direct obligations under this heading, \$4,157,311,000 is appropriated from the general fund, \$243,532,000 is provided by transfer, and \$23,000,000 is derived from recoveries of prior year obligations.” (Public Law 117-103, 117th Congress, Page 59, [Library Of Congress](#), 3/15/22)

- **The Consolidated Appropriations Act Of 2021 Appropriated \$3,840,300,000 To NOAA, Nearly \$600 Million Less Than What Was Appropriated In 2022.** “For necessary expenses of activities authorized by law for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, including maintenance, operation, and hire of aircraft and vessels; pilot programs for State-led fisheries management, notwithstanding any other provision of law; grants, contracts, or other payments to nonprofit organizations for the purposes of conducting activities pursuant to cooperative agreements; and relocation of facilities, \$3,840,300,000, to remain available until September 30, 2022.” (Public Law 116-260, 116th Congress, Page 60, [Library Of Congress](#), 12/27/20)

In 2022, Golden Voted In Favor Of The Inflation Reduction Act. (H.R. 5376, [Roll Call Vote No.](#) 420, Passed: 220-207, R: 0-207, D: 220-0, Golden Voted Yea, 8/12/22)

- **The Inflation Reduction Act Allocated An Additional \$2.6 Billion To NOAA.** “In addition to amounts otherwise available, there is appropriated to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration for fiscal year 2022, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, \$2,600,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2026, to provide funding through direct expenditure, contracts, grants, cooperative agreements, or technical assistance to coastal states...” (H.R. 5376, 117th Congress, Page 211, [Library Of Congress](#), Accessed 5/13/24)