

114TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 4582

To exclude striped bass from the anadromous fish doubling requirement in section 3406(b)(1) of the Central Valley Project Improvement Act, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 23, 2016

Mr. DENHAM introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Save Our Salmon Act”
5 or the “SOS Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds the following:

8 (1) California is home to many populations of
9 native salmon and steelhead.

1 (2) Many of the native salmon and steelhead
2 populations in California are listed under the En-
3 dangered Species Act of 1973.

4 (3) The Central Valley Project Improvement
5 Act (CVPIA) required a doubling of natural produc-
6 tion of Central Valley populations of anadromous
7 fish within 10 years.

8 (4) Striped bass are anadromous fish indige-
9 nous to the East Coast of the United States and are
10 not native to the State of California.

11 (5) Striped bass were included in the CVPIA's
12 fish doubling goal even though they are not a native
13 species.

14 (6) Striped bass prey on native salmon and
15 steelhead.

16 (7) Predation poses a serious threat to federally
17 protected juvenile salmon and other native fish in
18 California.

19 (8) According to the National Marine Fisheries
20 Service, reducing abundance of striped bass and
21 other non-native predators must be achieved to pre-
22 vent extinction of Central Valley salmon and
23 steelhead or to prevent the species from declining ir-
24 reversibly.

1 (9) Therefore, the CVPIA’s fish-doubling goal
2 for two competing species is contradictory and coun-
3 terproductive for salmon and steelhead recovery.

4 **SEC. 3. TREATMENT OF STRIPED BASS.**

5 Section 3406(b)(1) of the Central Valley Project Im-
6 provement Act (title XXXIV of Public Law 102–575) is
7 amended by inserting “(except striped bass)” after “nat-
8 ural production of anadromous fish”.

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