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H. R. 4582

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural
Resources

AN ACT

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.

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

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Save Our Salmon Act”
3 or the “SOS Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS.**

5 Congress finds the following:

6 (1) California is home to many populations of
7 native salmon and steelhead.

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

11 (3) The Central Valley Project Improvement
12 Act (CVPIA) required a doubling of natural produc-
13 tion of Central Valley populations of anadromous
14 fish within 10 years.

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

18 (5) Striped bass were included in the CVPIA’s
19 fish doubling goal even though they are not a native
20 species.

21 (6) Striped bass prey on native salmon and
22 steelhead.

23 (7) Predation poses a serious threat to federally
24 protected juvenile salmon and other native fish in
25 California.

1 (8) According to the National Marine Fisheries
2 Service, reducing abundance of striped bass and
3 other non-native predators must be achieved to pre-
4 vent extinction of Central Valley salmon and
5 steelhead or to prevent the species from declining ir-
6 reversibly.

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

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

11 (a) ANADROMOUS FISH.—Section 3403(a) of the
12 Central Valley Project Improvement Act (title XXXIV of
13 Public Law 102–575) is amended by striking “striped
14 bass,” after “stocks of salmon (including steelhead),”.

15 (b) FISH AND WILDLIFE RESTORATION ACTIVI-
16 TIES.—Section 3406(b) of the Central Valley Project Im-
17 provement Act (title XXXIV of Public Law 102–575) is
18 amended by—

19 (1) striking paragraphs (14) and (18);

20 (2) redesignating paragraphs (15) through (17)
21 as paragraphs (14) through (16), respectively; and

22 (3) redesignating paragraphs (19) through (23)
23 as paragraphs (17) through (21), respectively.

24 (c) RESTORATION FUND ESTABLISHED.—Section
25 3407(a) of the Central Valley Project Improvement Act

1 (title XXXIV of Public Law 102–575) is amended by
2 striking “(10)–(18), and (20)–(22)” and inserting “(10)–
3 (16), and (18)–(20)”.

Passed the House of Representatives July 5, 2016.

Attest:

KAREN L. HAAS,

Clerk.