

In the House of Representatives, U. S.,

September 14, 2026.

Resolved, That the bill from the Senate (S. 283) entitled “An Act to require the Under Secretary of Commerce for Standards and Technology and the Administrator of National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to develop a standard methodology for identifying the country of origin of seafood to support enforcement against illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing, and for other purposes.”, do pass with the following

AMENDMENT:

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert:

1 ***SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.***

2 *This Act may be cited as the “Illegal Red Snapper and*
3 *Tuna Enforcement Act”.*

4 ***SEC. 2. METHODOLOGY FOR IDENTIFYING COUNTRY OF OR-***
5 ***IGIN OF SEAFOOD.***

6 *(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:*

7 *(1) ADMINISTRATOR.—The term “Adminis-*
8 *trator” means the Administrator of the National Oce-*
9 *anic and Atmospheric Administration.*

10 *(2) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CONGRESS.—*

11 *The term “appropriate committees of Congress”*
12 *means—*

1 (A) *the Committee on Commerce, Science,*
 2 *and Transportation of the Senate; and*

3 (B) *the Committee on Science, Space, and*
 4 *Technology, the Committee on Transportation*
 5 *and Infrastructure, and the Committee on Nat-*
 6 *ural Resources of the House of Representatives.*

7 (3) *ILLEGAL, UNREPORTED, OR UNREGULATED*
 8 *FISHING; IUU FISHING.*—*The terms “illegal, unre-*
 9 *ported, or unregulated fishing” and “IUU fishing”*
 10 *mean “illegal, unreported, or unregulated fishing” as*
 11 *such term is defined for purposes of section 609(e) of*
 12 *the High Seas Driftnet Fishing Moratorium Protec-*
 13 *tion Act (16 U.S.C. 1826j(e)).*

14 (4) *KEY AGENCY LEADERSHIP.*—*The term “key*
 15 *agency leadership” means the Administrator and the*
 16 *Under Secretary, in consultation with the Commis-*
 17 *sioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection and the*
 18 *Commandant of the Coast Guard.*

19 (5) *RED SNAPPER.*—*The term “red snapper”*
 20 *means the species *Lutjanus campechanus*.*

21 (6) *TUNA.*—*The term “tuna” means the fol-*
 22 *lowing species of tuna:*

23 (A) *Bigeye tuna (*Thunnus obesus*).*

24 (B) *Yellowfin tuna (*Thunnus albacares*).*

25 (C) *Bluefin tuna (*Thunnus thynnus*).*

1 (7) *UNDER SECRETARY.*—*The term “Under Sec-*
 2 *retary” means the Under Secretary of Commerce for*
 3 *Standards and Technology.*

4 (b) *STANDARD METHODOLOGY FOR IDENTIFICA-*
 5 *TION.*—

6 (1) *IN GENERAL.*—*Key agency leadership shall*
 7 *jointly develop a standard methodology, based on*
 8 *chemical analysis, for identifying the country of ori-*
 9 *gin of seafood to support enforcement against IUU*
 10 *fishing and seafood fraud.*

11 (2) *REQUIREMENTS.*—*Key agency leadership*
 12 *shall ensure that the methodology developed under this*
 13 *subsection—*

14 (A) *is consistent with the needs of Federal*
 15 *and State law enforcement agencies in com-*
 16 *bating IUU fishing and seafood fraud;*

17 (B) *minimizes processing time;*

18 (C) *involves the use of a field kit that can*
 19 *be easily carried by one individual; and*

20 (D) *to the extent practicable, can be used to*
 21 *test prepared food, including raw preparations*
 22 *of seafood, such as ceviche, sashimi, sushi, and*
 23 *poke.*

24 (3) *INITIAL SPECIES FOR IDENTIFICATION.*—*In*
 25 *developing the methodology under this subsection, key*

1 *agency leadership shall conduct pilot studies on red*
2 *snapper, as an example of a stationary stock, and*
3 *tuna, as an example of a highly migratory stock.*

4 *(c) REPORT.—Not later than 2 years after the date of*
5 *the enactment of this Act, the Under Secretary shall submit*
6 *to the appropriate committees of Congress a report that in-*
7 *cludes the following:*

8 *(1) A summary of the methodology developed*
9 *under subsection (b).*

10 *(2) A plan for operationalizing such method-*
11 *ology.*

12 *(3) If the Under Secretary determines any aspect*
13 *of such methodology is impractical, an explanation*
14 *relating thereto, whether additional research would*
15 *make developing such a methodology practicable, and*
16 *whether a different approach other than chemical*
17 *analysis might be practicable.*

Attest:

Clerk.

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