

FISHERIES CONSERVATION ACT OF 2001

OCTOBER 3, 2001.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State
of the Union and ordered to be printed

Mr. HANSEN, from the Committee on Resources,
submitted the following

R E P O R T

[To accompany H.R. 1989]

[Including cost estimate of the Congressional Budget Office]

The Committee on Resources, to whom was referred the bill (H.R. 1989) to reauthorize various fishery conservation management programs, having considered the same, report favorably thereon with an amendment and recommend that the bill as amended do pass.

The amendment is as follows:

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Fisheries Conservation Act of 2001”.

**TITLE I—INTERJURISDICTIONAL FISHERIES
ACT OF 1986**

SEC. 101. REAUTHORIZATION OF INTERJURISDICTIONAL FISHERIES ACT OF 1986.

Section 308 of the Interjurisdictional Fisheries Act of 1986 (16 U.S.C. 4107) is amended—

(1) by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

“(a) GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated to the Department of Commerce for apportionment to carry out the purposes of this title—

“(1) \$4,900,000 for fiscal year 2002;

“(2) \$5,400,000 for each of fiscal years 2003 and 2004; and

“(3) \$5,900,000 for each of fiscal years 2005 and 2006.”; and

(2) in subsection (c) by striking “\$700,000 for fiscal year 1997, and \$750,000 for each of the fiscal years 1998, 1999, and 2000” and inserting “\$800,000 for fiscal year 2002, \$850,000 for each of fiscal years 2003 and 2004, and \$900,000 for each of fiscal years 2005 and 2006”.

SEC. 102. PURPOSES OF THE INTERJURISDICTIONAL FISHERIES ACT OF 1986.

Section 302 of the Interjurisdictional Fisheries Act of 1986 (16 U.S.C. 4101) is amended by striking “and” after the semicolon at the end of paragraph (1), striking

the period at the end of paragraph (2) and inserting “; and”, and adding at the end the following:

“(3) to promote and encourage research in preparation for the implementation of the use of ecosystems and interspecies approaches to the conservation and management of interjurisdictional fishery resources throughout their range.”.

TITLE II—ANADROMOUS FISH CONSERVATION ACT

SEC. 201. REAUTHORIZATION OF ANADROMOUS FISH CONSERVATION ACT.

Section 4 of the Anadromous Fish Conservation Act (16 U.S.C. 757d) is amended to read as follows:

“AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS

“SEC. 4. (a)(1) There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out the purposes of this Act not to exceed the following sums:

“(A) \$4,500,000 for fiscal year 2002;

“(B) \$4,750,000 for each of fiscal years 2003 and 2004; and

“(C) \$5,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2005 and 2006.

“(2) Sums appropriated under this subsection are authorized to remain available until expended.

“(b) Not more than \$625,000 of the funds appropriated under this section in any one fiscal year shall be obligated in any one State.”.

SEC. 202. RESEARCH ON AND USE OF ECOSYSTEMS AND INTERSPECIES APPROACHES TO THE CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT.

The first section of the Anadromous Fish Conservation Act (16 U.S.C. 757a) is amended in subsection (b) by inserting “(1)” after “(b)”, and by adding at the end the following:

“(2) In carrying out responsibilities under this section, the Secretary shall conduct, promote, and encourage research in preparation for the implementation of the use of ecosystems and interspecies approaches to the conservation and management of anadromous and Great Lakes fishery resources.”.

TITLE III—ATLANTIC COASTAL FISHERIES

SEC. 301. REAUTHORIZATION OF ATLANTIC STRIPED BASS CONSERVATION ACT.

Section 7(a) of the Atlantic Striped Bass Conservation Act (16 U.S.C. 1851 note) is amended by striking “and 2003” and inserting “2003, 2004, 2005, and 2006”.

SEC. 302. REAUTHORIZATION OF ATLANTIC COASTAL FISHERIES COOPERATIVE MANAGEMENT ACT.

Section 811(a) of the Atlantic Coastal Fisheries Cooperative Management Act (16 U.S.C. 5108) is amended by striking “2005” and inserting “2006”.

SEC. 303. AMENDMENTS TO ATLANTIC COASTAL FISHERIES COOPERATIVE MANAGEMENT ACT.

(a) FINDINGS.—Section 802(a) of the Atlantic Coastal Fisheries Cooperative Management Act (16 U.S.C. 5101(a)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(7) The understanding of the interactions of species in the maritime environment and the development of ecosystems-based approaches to fishery conservation and management lead to better stewardship and sustainability of coastal fishery resources.

“(8) Federal and State scientists should gather information on the interaction of species in the marine environment and provide this scientific information to Federal and State managers.”.

(b) PURPOSE.—Section 802(b) of such Act (16 U.S.C. 5101(b)) is amended to read as follows:

“(b) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this title is to support and encourage the development, implementation, and enforcement of effective interstate conservation and management of Atlantic coastal fishery resources through the use of sound science and multispecies, adaptive, and ecosystem-based management measures.”.

(c) STATE-FEDERAL COOPERATION IN MULTISPECIES AND ECOSYSTEMS INTERACTION RESEARCH.—Section 804(a) of such Act (16 U.S.C. 5103(a)) is amended by inserting “multispecies and ecosystems interaction research;” after “biological and socioeconomic research;”.

(d) ASSISTANCE FOR RESEARCH REGARDING INTERRELATIONSHIPS AMONG ATLANTIC COASTAL FISHERY RESOURCES AND THEIR ECOSYSTEMS.—Section 808 of such Act (16 U.S.C. 5107) is amended by striking “and” after the semicolon at the end of paragraph (1), redesignating paragraph (2) as paragraph (3), and inserting after paragraph (1) the following:

“(2) research to understand the interrelationships among Atlantic coastal fishery resources and their ecosystems; and”.

TITLE IV—NOAA MARINE FISH INFORMATION AND ANALYSIS ACTIVITIES

SEC. 401. REAUTHORIZATION OF NOAA MARINE FISH PROGRAM.

(a) FISHERIES INFORMATION COLLECTION AND ANALYSIS.—There are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary of Commerce, to enable the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to carry out fisheries information and analysis activities under the Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956 (16 U.S.C. 742a et seq.) and any other law involving those activities, \$72,248,000 for fiscal year 2002, \$76,640,000 for each of fiscal years 2003 and 2004, and \$82,893,000 for each of fiscal years 2005 and 2006. Such activities may include, but are not limited to, the collection, analysis, and dissemination of scientific information necessary for the management of living marine resources and associated marine habitat.

(b) FISHERIES CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT OPERATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary of Commerce, to enable the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to carry out activities relating to fisheries conservation and management operations under the Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956 (16 U.S.C. 742a et seq.) and any other law involving those activities, \$122,105,000 for fiscal year 2002, \$125,529,000 for each of fiscal years 2003 and 2004, and \$135,856,000 for each of fiscal years 2005 and 2006. Such activities may include, but are not limited to, development, implementation, and enforcement of conservation and management measures to achieve continued optimum use of living marine resources, hatchery operations, habitat conservation, and protected species management.

(c) FISHERIES STATE AND INDUSTRY COOPERATIVE PROGRAMS.—There are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary of Commerce, to enable the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to carry out State and industry cooperative programs under the Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956 (16 U.S.C. 742a et seq.) and any other law involving those activities, \$28,520,000 for fiscal year 2002, \$28,814,000 for each of fiscal years 2003 and 2004, and \$29,967,000 for each of fiscal years 2005 and 2006. These activities include, but are not limited to, ensuring the quality and safety of seafood products and providing grants to States for improving the management of interstate fisheries.

(d) RELATION TO OTHER LAWS.—Authorizations under this section shall be in addition to monies authorized under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act of 1976 (16 U.S.C. 1801 et seq.), the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. 1361 et seq.), the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 3301 et seq.), the Anadromous Fish Conservation Act (16 U.S.C. 757 et seq.), and the Interjurisdictional Fisheries Act (16 U.S.C. 4107 et seq.).

TITLE V—ATLANTIC TUNAS CONVENTION ACT OF 1975

SEC. 501. REAUTHORIZATION OF THE ATLANTIC TUNAS CONVENTION ACT OF 1975.

Section 10 of the Atlantic Tunas Convention Act of 1975 (16 U.S.C. 971h) is amended to read as follows:

“AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS

“SEC. 10. (a) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this Act, including use for payment of the United States share of the joint expenses of the Commission as provided in Article X of the Convention, the following sums:

“(1) For each of fiscal years 2002, 2003, and 2004, \$5,480,000.

“(2) For each of fiscal years 2005 and 2006, \$5,495,000.

“(b) ALLOCATION.—Of amounts available under this section for each fiscal year—

“(1) \$150,000 are authorized for the advisory committee established under section 4 and the species working groups established under section 4A; and

“(2) \$4,240,000 are authorized for research activities under this Act and the Act of September 4, 1980 (16 U.S.C. 971i).”.

TITLE VI—NORTHWEST ATLANTIC FISHERIES CONVENTION ACT OF 1995

SEC. 601. REAUTHORIZATION OF THE NORTHWEST ATLANTIC FISHERIES CONVENTION ACT OF 1995.

Section 211 of the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Convention Act of 1995 (16 U.S.C. 5610) is amended by striking “2001” and inserting “2006”.

PURPOSE OF THE BILL

The purpose of H.R. 1989, the Fisheries Conservation Act of 2001, is to reauthorize the Interjurisdictional Fisheries Act of 1986, the Anadromous Fisheries Conservation Act of 1965, the Atlantic Striped Bass Conservation Act of 1984, the Atlantic Coastal Fisheries Cooperative Management Act, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Marine Fisheries Program Authorization Act of 1983, the Atlantic Tunas Convention Act of 1975, and the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Conservation Act of 1995, through fiscal year 2006.

BACKGROUND AND NEED FOR LEGISLATION

This legislation reauthorizes, through fiscal 2006, seven existing acts dealing with the preservation and enhancement of various Atlantic fish species.

The Interjurisdictional Fisheries Act and the Anadromous Fisheries Conservation Act provide grants to States to allow them to conduct research to help improve the way fisheries are managed, fund enforcement activities, rebuild habitat, and take other measures to improve the survival of fish species that travel across State boundaries or over great distances.

The Atlantic Striped Bass Conservation Act and the Atlantic Coastal Fisheries Cooperative Management Act provide directives to the States and the Atlantic States Marine Fish Commission to develop fishery management plans for the species of fish under their jurisdiction along the East coast.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Marine Fisheries Program Authorization Act consolidates and authorizes certain general marine fishery programs and functions of NOAA under the U.S. Department of Commerce. Programs conducted under these authorities include fisheries information collection and analysis, fisheries conservation and management operations, and fisheries State and industry assistance.

The Atlantic Tunas Convention Act and the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Convention Act implement international treaties to which the U.S. is a party. The Atlantic Tunas Convention Act allows the U.S. to implement conservation recommendations by the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas, while the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Convention Act allows the U.S. to implement conservation recommendations by the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization.

COMMITTEE ACTION

H.R. 1989 was introduced on May 24, 2001 by Congressman Wayne T. Gilchrest (R-MD), and was referred to the Committee on Resources. On June 1, 2001, the bill was referred within the Committee to the Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans. On June 7, 2001, the Subcommittee held a hearing on the bill. On August 2, 2001, the Subcommittee met to mark up the bill. Congressman Wayne T. Gilchrest offered an amendment in the nature of a substitute which added language to promote the use of ecosystem and interspecies management approaches within Titles I, II, and III of the bill. It was adopted by voice vote. The bill, as amended, was then forwarded to the Full Committee. On September 12, 2001, the Full Resources Committee met to consider the bill. There were no further amendments, and the bill was ordered favorably reported to the House of Representatives by unanimous consent.

COMMITTEE OVERSIGHT FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Regarding clause 2(b)(1) of rule X and clause 3(c)(1) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee on Resources' oversight findings and recommendations are reflected in the body of this report.

CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY STATEMENT

Article I, section 8 of the Constitution of the United States grants Congress the authority to enact this bill.

COMPLIANCE WITH HOUSE RULE XIII

1. Cost of Legislation. Clause 3(d)(2) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives requires an estimate and a comparison by the Committee of the costs which would be incurred in carrying out this bill. However, clause 3(d)(3)(B) of that rule provides that this requirement does not apply when the Committee has included in its report a timely submitted cost estimate of the bill prepared by the Director of the Congressional Budget Office under section 402 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974.

2. Congressional Budget Act. As required by clause 3(c)(2) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives and section 308(a) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, this bill does not contain any new budget authority, spending authority, credit authority, or an increase or decrease in revenues or tax expenditures. According to the Congressional Budget Office (CBO), implementation of this bill would cost \$166 million in fiscal year 2002, and approximately \$1.2 billion over the 2002–2006 period.

3. General Performance Goals and Objectives. As required by clause 3(c)(4) of rule XIII, the general performance goal or objective of this bill is to reauthorize various fishery conservation management programs through fiscal year 2006.

4. Congressional Budget Office Cost Estimate. Under clause 3(c)(3) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives and section 403 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, the Committee has received the following cost estimate for this bill from the Director of the Congressional Budget Office:

U.S. CONGRESS,
CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE,
Washington, DC, October 1, 2001.

Hon. JAMES V. HANSEN,
*Chairman, Committee on Resources,
House of Representatives, Washington, DC.*

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: The Congressional Budget Office has prepared the enclosed cost estimate for H.R. 1989, the Fisheries Conservation Act of 2001.

If you wish further details on this estimate, we will be pleased to provide them. The CBO staff contacts are Deborah Reis (for federal costs), and Marjorie Miller (for the state and local impact).

Sincerely,

BARRY B. ANDERSON
(For Dan L. Crippen, Director).

Enclosure.

H.R. 1989—Fisheries Conservation Act of 2001

Summary: H.R. 1989 would reauthorize through fiscal year 2006 appropriations for programs carried out by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) under seven fisheries statutes. These laws authorize or govern various grant programs, studies, reports and operations of the National Marine Fisheries Service of NOAA. Assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts, CBO estimates that implementing the bill would cost \$166 million in 2002 and nearly \$1.2 billion over the 2002–2006 period. The bill would not affect direct spending or receipts; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply.

The bill contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA) and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments. This bill would reauthorize funding for programs that include grants to states and to multistate organizations.

Estimated cost to the Federal Government: The estimated budgetary impact of H.R. 1989 is shown in the following table. For this estimate, CBO assumes that the amounts authorized by the legislation will be appropriated for each fiscal year and that outlays will follow historical spending patterns for the authorized programs. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 300 (Natural resources and environment).

	By fiscal year, in millions of dollars—					
	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION						
Spending Under Current Law:						
Budget Authority ¹	235	0	0	0	0	0
Estimated Outlays	223	65	19	5	0	0
Proposed Changes:						
Authorization Level	0	250	259	259	278	278
Estimated Outlays	0	166	230	254	272	276
Spending Under H.R. 1989:						
Authorization Level ¹	235	250	259	259	278	278
Estimated Outlays	223	231	249	259	272	276

¹The 2001 level is approximately the amount appropriated for that year for the fishery activities reauthorized by H.R. 1989.

Pay-as-you-go-considerations: None.

Intergovernmental and private-sector impact: The bill contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments. This bill would reauthorize funding for programs that include grants to states and to multistate organizations.

Estimate prepared by: Federal Costs: Deborah Reis. Impact on State, Local, and Tribal Governments: Marjorie Miller. Impact on the Private Sector: Lauren Marks.

Estimate approved by: Robert A. Sunshine, Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.

COMPLIANCE WITH PUBLIC LAW 104-4

This bill contains no unfunded mandates.

PREEMPTION OF STATE, LOCAL OR TRIBAL LAW

This bill is not intended to preempt any State, local or tribal law.

CHANGES IN EXISTING LAW MADE BY THE BILL, AS REPORTED

In compliance with clause 3(e) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, changes in existing law made by the bill, as reported, are shown as follows (existing law proposed to be omitted is enclosed in black brackets, new matter is printed in italic, existing law in which no change is proposed is shown in roman):

INTERJURISDICTIONAL FISHERIES ACT OF 1986

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TITLE III—INTERJURISDICTIONAL FISHERIES

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SEC. 302. PURPOSES.

The purposes of this title are—

(1) to promote and encourage State activities in support of the management of interjurisdictional fishery resources; **[and]**

(2) to promote and encourage management of interjurisdictional fishery resources throughout their range**[.]** ;*and*

(3) to promote and encourage research in preparation for the implementation of the use of ecosystems and interspecies approaches to the conservation and management of interjurisdictional fishery resources throughout their range.

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SEC. 308. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

[(a) GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated to the Department of Commerce for apportionment to carry out the purposes of this title—

[(1) \$3,400,000 for fiscal year 1996;

[(2) \$3,900,000 for fiscal year 1997;

[(3) \$4,400,000 for each of the fiscal years 1998, 1999, and 2000.]

(a) *GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS.*—*There are authorized to be appropriated to the Department of Commerce for apportionment to carry out the purposes of this title—*

- (1) *\$4,900,000 for fiscal year 2002;*
- (2) *\$5,400,000 for each of fiscal years 2003 and 2004; and*
- (3) *\$5,900,000 for each of fiscal years 2005 and 2006.*

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(c) *DEVELOPMENT OF MANAGEMENT PLANS.*—*In addition to the amounts authorized under subsections (a) and (b), there are authorized to be appropriated to the Department of Commerce* **[\$700,000 for fiscal year 1997, and \$750,000 for each of the fiscal years 1998, 1999, and 2000]** *\$800,000 for fiscal year 2002, \$850,000 for each of fiscal years 2003 and 2004, and \$900,000 for each of fiscal years 2005 and 2006, to support the efforts of the following interstate commissions to develop interstate fishery management plans for interjurisdictional fishery resources:*

- (1) * * *

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ANADROMOUS FISH CONSERVATION ACT

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That (a) for the purpose of conserving, developing, and enhancing within the several States the anadromous fishery resources of the Nation that are subject to depletion from water resources developments and other causes, or with respect to which the United States has made conservation commitments by international agreements, and for the purpose of conserving, developing, and enhancing the fish in the Great Lakes and Lake Champlain that ascend streams to spawn, the Secretary of the Interior is authorized to enter into cooperative agreements with one or more States, acting jointly or severally, that are concerned with the development, conservation, and enhancement of such fish, and, whenever he deems it appropriate, with other non-Federal interests. Such agreements shall describe (1) the actions to be taken by the Secretary and the cooperating parties, (2) the benefits that are expected to be derived by the States and other non-Federal interests, (3) the estimated cost of these actions, (4) the share of such costs to be borne by the Federal Government and by the States and other non-Federal interests: *Provided, That, except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, The Federal share, including the operation and maintenance costs of any facilities constructed by the Secretary pursuant to this Act, which he annually determines to be a proper Federal cost, shall not exceed 50 per centum of such costs exclusive of the value of any Federal land involved: *Provided further, That the non-Federal share may be in the form of real or personal property, the value of which will be determined by the Secretary, as well as money, (5) the term of the agreement, (6) the terms and conditions for disposing of any real or personal property acquired by the Secretary during or at the end of the term of the agreement, and (7) such other terms and conditions as he deems desirable.***

(b)(1) The Secretary may also enter into agreements with the States for the operation of any facilities and management and ad-

ministration of any lands or interests therein acquired or facilities constructed pursuant to this Act.

(2) *In carrying out responsibilities under this section, the Secretary shall conduct, promote, and encourage research in preparation for the implementation of the use of ecosystems and interspecies approaches to the conservation and management of anadromous and Great Lakes fishery resources.*

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【SEC. 4. (a)(1) There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out the purposes of this Act not to exceed the following sums:

【(A) \$4,000,000 for fiscal year 1997; and

【(B) \$4,250,000 for each of fiscal years 1998, 1999, and 2000.

【(2) Sums appropriated under this subsection are authorized to remain available until expended.

【(b) Not more than \$625,000 of the funds appropriated under this section in any one fiscal year shall be obligated in any one State.】

AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS

SEC. 4. (a)(1) There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out the purposes of this Act not to exceed the following sums:

(A) \$4,500,000 for fiscal year 2002;

(B) \$4,750,000 for each of fiscal years 2003 and 2004; and

(C) \$5,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2005 and 2006.

(2) Sums appropriated under this subsection are authorized to remain available until expended.

(b) Not more than \$625,000 of the funds appropriated under this section in any one fiscal year shall be obligated in any one State.

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SECTION 7 OF THE ATLANTIC STRIPED BASS CONSERVATION ACT

SEC. 7. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS; COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS.

(a) AUTHORIZATION.—For each of fiscal years 2001, 2002, [and 2003] 2003, 2004, 2005, and 2006, there are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this Act—

(1) \$1,000,000 to the Secretary of Commerce; and

(2) \$250,000 to the Secretary of the Interior.

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ATLANTIC COASTAL FISHERIES COOPERATIVE MANAGEMENT ACT

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TITLE VIII—ATLANTIC COASTAL FISHERIES

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SEC. 802. FINDINGS AND PURPOSE.

(a) FINDINGS.—The Congress finds the following:

(1) * * *

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(7) The understanding of the interactions of species in the maritime environment and the development of ecosystems-based approaches to fishery conservation and management lead to better stewardship and sustainability of coastal fishery resources.

(8) Federal and State scientists should gather information on the interaction of species in the marine environment and provide this scientific information to Federal and State managers.

[(b) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this title is to support and encourage the development, implementation, and enforcement of effective interstate conservation and management of Atlantic coastal fishery resources.**]**

(b) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this title is to support and encourage the development, implementation, and enforcement of effective interstate conservation and management of Atlantic coastal fishery resources through the use of sound science and multispecies, adaptive, and ecosystem-based management measures.

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SEC. 804. STATE-FEDERAL COOPERATION IN ATLANTIC COASTAL FISHERY MANAGEMENT.

(a) FEDERAL SUPPORT FOR STATE COASTAL FISHERIES PROGRAMS.—The Secretary in cooperation with the Secretary of the Interior shall develop and implement a program to support the interstate fishery management efforts of the Commission. The program shall include activities to support and enhance State cooperation in collection, management, and analysis of fishery data; law enforcement; habitat conservation; fishery research, including biological and socioeconomic research; *multispecies and ecosystems interaction research*; and fishery management planning.

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SEC. 808. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.

The Secretary and the Secretary of the Interior may provide financial assistance to the Commission and to the States to carry out their respective responsibilities under this title, including—

(1) the preparation, implementation, and enforcement of coastal fishery management plans; **[and]**

(2) research to understand the interrelationships among Atlantic coastal fishery resources and their ecosystems; and

[(2)] (3) State activities that are specifically required within such plans.

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SEC. 811. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—To carry out this title, there are authorized to be appropriated \$10,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2001 through **[2005] 2006.**

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SECTION 10 OF THE ATLANTIC TUNAS CONVENTION ACT OF 1975

[AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS

[SEC. 10. There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this Act, including use for payment of the United States share of the joint expenses of the Commission as provided in Article X of the Convention, the following sums:

[(1) For fiscal year 1995, \$4,103,000, of which \$50,000 are authorized in the aggregate for the advisory committee established under section 4 and the species working groups established under section 4A, and \$2,890,000 are authorized for research activities under this Act and the Act of September 4, 1980 (16 U.S.C. 971i).

[(2) For fiscal year 1996, \$5,453,000, of which \$50,000 are authorized in the aggregate for such advisory committee and such working groups, and \$4,240,000 are authorized for such research activities.

[(3) For fiscal year 1997, \$5,465,000 of which \$62,000 are authorized in the aggregate for such advisory committee and such working groups, and \$4,240,000 are authorized for such research activities.

[(4) For each of fiscal years 1998, 1999, 2000, and 2001, \$5,465,000 of which \$75,000 are authorized in the aggregate for such advisory committee and such working groups, and \$4,240,000 are authorized for such research activities.]

AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS

SEC. 10. (a) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this Act, including use for payment of the United States share of the joint expenses of the Commission as provided in Article X of the Convention, the following sums:

(1) For each of fiscal years 2002, 2003, and 2004, \$5,480,000.

(2) For each of fiscal years 2005 and 2006, \$5,495,000.

(b) ALLOCATION.—Of amounts available under this section for each fiscal year—

(1) \$150,000 are authorized for the advisory committee established under section 4 and the species working groups established under section 4A; and

(2) \$4,240,000 are authorized for research activities under this Act and the Act of September 4, 1980 (16 U.S.C. 971i).

SECTION 211 OF THE NORTHWEST ATLANTIC FISHERIES CONVENTION ACT OF 1995

SEC. 211. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this title, including use for payment as the United States contribution to the Organization as provided in Article XVI of the Convention, \$500,000 for each fiscal year through fiscal year **[2001]** 2006.

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