

Public Law 102-130  
102d Congress

An Act

Oct. 17, 1991  
[H.R. 2387]

To authorize appropriations for certain programs for the conservation of striped bass, and for other purposes.

Striped Bass Act  
of 1991.  
16 USC 757a  
note.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

**SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

This Act may be cited as the "Striped Bass Act of 1991".

**SEC. 2. ATLANTIC STRIPED BASS CONSERVATION ACT ENFORCEMENT, REAUTHORIZATION, AND EXTENSION.**

(a) **ENFORCEMENT OF MORATORIUM ON ATLANTIC STRIPED BASS FISHING.**—Section 5(e) of the Atlantic Striped Bass Conservation Act (16 U.S.C. 1851 note) is amended—

(1) in the first sentence by inserting "(1)" before "The Secretaries"; and

(2) by adding at the end the following new paragraphs:

"(2) **ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY.**—A person authorized by the Secretaries may take any action to enforce a moratorium declared under section 4(b) that an officer authorized by the Secretary under section 311(b) of the Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act may take to enforce that Act.

"(3) **REGULATIONS.**—The Secretaries may issue regulations to implement this subsection."

(b) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS; COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS.**—Section 7 of the Atlantic Striped Bass Conservation Act (16 U.S.C. 1851 note) is amended—

(1) by inserting before "For each" the following: "(a) **AUTHORIZATION.**—";

(2) by striking "and 1991," and inserting "1991, 1992, 1993, and 1994,";

(3) by adding at the end the following new subsection:

"(b) **COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS.**—The Secretaries may enter into cooperative agreements with the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission for the purpose of using amounts appropriated pursuant to this section to provide financial assistance to the Commission for carrying out its functions under this Act."; and

(4) in the heading for the section by inserting before the period at the end the following: "; **COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS**".

(c) **EXTENSION OF EFFECTIVE PERIOD.**—Section 9 of the Atlantic Striped Bass Conservation Act (16 U.S.C. 1851 note) is amended by striking "1991." and inserting "1994."

**SEC. 3. REAUTHORIZATION OF STRIPED BASS STUDIES UNDER ANADROMOUS FISH CONSERVATION ACT.**

(a) **CONDUCT AND SCOPE OF STUDIES.**—Section 7(a) of the Anadromous Fish Conservation Act (16 U.S.C. 757g(a)) is amended to read as follows:

“(a) CONDUCT AND SCOPE OF STUDIES.—The Secretary shall cooperate with States and other non-Federal interests in conducting scientific studies of the anadromous stocks of Atlantic striped bass. These studies shall include, but not be limited to—

“(1) estimates of recruitment, spawning potential, mortality rates, stock composition of coastal fisheries, and other population parameters;

“(2) investigations of factors affecting abundance of striped bass, including analyses of the extent and causes of mortality at successive life stages; and

“(3) monitoring population abundance and age and sex composition of striped bass stocks on fishery-dependent and fishery-independent data.”

(b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section 7(d) of the Anadromous Fish Conservation Act (16 U.S.C. 757g(d)) is amended—

(1) by striking “1988, 1989, 1990, and 1991.” and inserting “1991, 1992, 1993, and 1994.”; and

(2) by striking the third sentence.

#### SEC. 4. FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN ON STRIPED BASS.

Section 6 of the Act entitled “An Act to authorize appropriations to carry out the Atlantic Striped Bass Conservation Act for fiscal years 1989 through 1991, and for other purposes”, approved November 3, 1988 (Public Law 100-589), is amended—

(1) by striking subsection (c);

(2) in subsection (d) by striking “or (c)”; and

(3) by striking subsection (f).

16 USC 1851  
note.

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#### LEGISLATIVE HISTORY—H.R. 2387:

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