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[CHAPTER 763]

AN ACT

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[Public Law 721]

Granting the consent and approval of Congress to an amendment to the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Compact, and repealing the limitation on the life of such compact.

Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Compact, amendment.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the consent and approval of Congress is hereby given to an amendment to the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Compact, as consented to in Public Law 539, Seventy-seventh Congress (56 Stat. 267), which amendment has now been ratified by the States of Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Pennsylvania, and North Carolina and reads substantially as follows:

"AMENDMENT NUMBER 1

Joint regulatory agency.

"The States consenting to this amendment agree that any two or more of them may designate the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission as a joint regulatory agency with such powers as they may jointly confer from time to time for the regulation of the fishing operations of the citizens and vessels of such designating States with respect to specific fisheries in which such States have a common interest. The representatives of such States on the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission shall constitute a separate section of such Commission for the exercise of the additional powers so granted provided that the States so acting shall appropriate additional funds for this purpose. The creation of such section as a joint regulatory agency shall not deprive the States participating therein of any of their privileges or powers or responsibilities in the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission under the general compact."

Consent of Congress.

SEC. 2. Without further submission of such amendment to the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Compact, the consent and approval of Congress is hereby given to the States of Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida, now parties to the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Compact, and to the State of Vermont when it shall enter such compact for the purpose of the better utilization of its anadromous fisheries, to enter into such amendment as signatory States and as parties thereto, in addition to the States which have now ratified the amendment.

SEC. 3. The first section of Public Law 539 of the Seventy-seventh Congress (56 Stat. 267) is hereby amended by striking out "(which shall be operative for not more than fifteen years from the date of the enactment of this Act)": *Provided*, That nothing in this compact shall be construed to limit or add to the powers or the proprietary interest of any signatory State or to repeal or prevent the enactment of any legislation or the enforcement of any requirement by a signatory State imposing additional conditions and restrictions to conserve its fisheries.

SEC. 4. The right to alter, amend, or repeal the provisions of this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

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