

106TH CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 1643

To establish a moratorium on large fishing vessels in Atlantic herring and mackerel fisheries.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 29, 1999

Mr. SAXTON (for himself and Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Resources

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## A BILL

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

3       **SECTION 1. MORATORIUM.**

4       (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any provision of  
5       the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Manage-  
6       ment Act (16 U.S.C. 1801 et seq.), no large fishing vessel  
7       may engage in fishing for Atlantic herring or Atlantic  
8       mackerel within the United States exclusive economic zone  
9       until—

1           (1) the National Marine Fisheries Service has  
2           completed a new population survey into the abun-  
3           dance of the discrete spawning stocks of Atlantic  
4           herring and Atlantic mackerel; and

5           (2) the Secretary of Commerce has approved  
6           and implemented fishery management plans devel-  
7           oped by the appropriate regional fishery manage-  
8           ment council for Atlantic herring and Atlantic mack-  
9           erel, which specifically allow large fishing vessels to  
10          participate in those fisheries.

11          (b) LARGE FISHING VESSEL DEFINED.—In this sec-  
12          tion, the term “large fishing vessel”—

13               (1) except as provided in paragraph (2), means  
14               a fishing vessel (as that term is defined in section  
15               3 of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation  
16               and Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1802)) of the  
17               United States that is equal to or greater than 165  
18               feet in length overall and has an engine of more  
19               than 3,000 horsepower; and

20               (2) does not include such a vessel that engages  
21               only in processing fish harvested by fishing vessels  
22               of the United States.

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