

106TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 3535

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 7 (legislative day, JUNE 6), 2000

Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce Science, and
Transportation

AN ACT

To amend the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and
Management Act to eliminate the wasteful and unsports-
manlike practice of shark finning.

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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Shark Finning Prohi-
5 bition Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. PURPOSE.**

7 The purpose of this Act is to eliminate the wasteful
8 and unsportsmanlike practice of shark finning and to re-
9 duce the high mortality levels associated with shark fin-
10 ning in waters of the United States.

1 **SEC. 3. PROHIBITION ON REMOVING SHARK FIN AND DIS-**
2 **CARDING SHARK CARCASS AT SEA.**

3 Section 307 of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Con-
4 servation and Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1857) is
5 amended—

6 (1) in subparagraph (N) by striking “or” after
7 the semicolon at the end;

8 (2) in subparagraph (O) by striking the period
9 and inserting “; or”; and

10 (3) by adding at the end the following:

11 “(P)(i) to remove any of the fins of a
12 shark (including the tail) and discard the car-
13 cass of the shark at sea;

14 “(ii) to have custody, control, or possession
15 of any such fin aboard a fishing vessel without
16 the corresponding carcass; or

17 “(iii) to land any such fin without the cor-
18 responding carcass;”.

Passed the House of Representatives June 6, 2000.

Attest:

Clerk.