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# H. R. 2142

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. YOUNG of Alaska 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. MODIFICATION OF GOALS FOR REDUCING INCI-**  
4 **DENTAL TAKE OF MARINE MAMMALS IN COM-**  
5 **MERCIAL FISHING.**

6 (a) REPEAL OF ZERO MORTALITY GOAL.—Section  
7 118 of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 (16

1 U.S.C. 1387) is amended by striking subsection (b), and  
2 by redesignating subsections (c) through (l) in order as  
3 subsections (b) through (k).

4 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Such Act is fur-  
5 ther amended as follows:

6 (1) In section 101(a)(2) (16 U.S.C. 1371(a)(2))  
7 by striking the third sentence.

8 (2) In section 101(a)(5)(E)(i)(III) (16 U.S.C.  
9 1371(a)(5)(E)(i)(III) by striking “subsection (d)”  
10 and inserting “subsection (c)”.

11 (3) In section 115(b)(4) (16 U.S.C. 1384(b)(4))  
12 by striking “section 118(f)(1)” and inserting “sec-  
13 tion 118(e)(1)”.

14 (4) In section 117(a)(4) (16 U.S.C. 1386(a)(4))  
15 in subparagraph (D) by striking “, and an analysis”  
16 and all that follows through the end of the subpara-  
17 graph and inserting a semicolon.

18 (5) In section 118 (16 U.S.C. 1387) by striking  
19 “subsection (c)(1)(A) (i)” each place it appears and  
20 inserting “subsection (b)(1)(A) (i)”.

21 (6) In section 118 (16 U.S.C. 1387) by striking  
22 “subsection (c)(1)(A)(i)” each place it appears and  
23 inserting “subsection (b)(1)(A)(i)”.

24 (7) In section 118(a)(1) (16 U.S.C. 1387(a)(1))  
25 by striking the last sentence.

1           (8) In section 118(b), as redesignated by this  
2           subsection (16 U.S.C. 1387(c)(1)(B)), by striking  
3           “subsection (e)” each place it appears and inserting  
4           “subsection (d)”.

5           (9) In section 118(c)(1)(B), as redesignated by  
6           this subsection (16 U.S.C. 1387(d)(1)(B)), by strik-  
7           ing “subsection (e)” and inserting “subsection (d)”.

8           (10) In section 118(e)(9)(D), as redesignated  
9           by this subsection (16 U.S.C. 1387(f)(9)(D)), by  
10          striking “subsection (d)” and inserting “subsection  
11          (c)”.

12          (11) In section 118(f)(1), as redesignated by  
13          this subsection (16 U.S.C. 1387(g)(1)), by striking  
14          “subsection (c)(1)(A)(iii)” each place it appears and  
15          inserting “subsection (b)(1)(A)(iii)”.

16          (12) In section 118(g), as redesignated by this  
17          subsection (16 U.S.C. 1387(h)), by striking “sub-  
18          section (c)” and inserting “subsection (b)”.

19          (13) In section 120(j)(2) (16 U.S.C.  
20          1389(j)(2)) by striking “118(f)(5)(A)” and inserting  
21          “118(e)(5)(A)”.

22          (c) MODIFICATION OF GOAL OF TAKE REDUCTION  
23          PLANS.—Section 118(e)(2) of such Act, as redesignated  
24          by subsection (a) of this section (16 U.S.C. 1387(f)(2)),  
25          is amended by striking the last sentence and inserting the

1 following: “The long-term goal of the plan shall be to re-  
2 duce, within 5 years of its implementation, the incidental  
3 mortality or serious injury of marine mammals inciden-  
4 tally taken in the course of fishing operations taking into  
5 account the economics of the fishery, the availability of  
6 existing technology, and existing State and regional fish-  
7 ery management plans.”.

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