

111TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 4369

To allow the United States-Canada Transboundary Resource Sharing Understanding to be considered an international agreement for the purposes of section 304(e)(4) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 16, 2009

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts (for himself, Mr. TIERNEY, Mr. JONES, and Ms. PINGREE of Maine) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “International Fisheries
5 Agreement Clarification Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. INTERNATIONAL FISHERIES AGREEMENTS.**

2 Section 304(e)(1) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery
3 Conservation and Management Act (16 U.S.C.
4 1854(e)(1)) is amended—

5 (1) by inserting “(A)” after “(1)”; and

6 (2) by adding at the end thereof the following:

7 “(B) The United States–Canada
8 Transboundary Resource Sharing Understanding
9 and other related Understandings, and decisions
10 made under those Understandings, shall be taken
11 into account for purposes of paragraph (4)(A)(i).
12 Paragraph (4)(A)(ii) shall not apply to those por-
13 tions of stocks covered by such Understandings.
14 Notwithstanding section 302(h)(6) of this title, fish-
15 ing level recommendations regarding rebuilding in
16 any given year for such stocks may be exceeded as
17 long as the fishing mortality level allows for progress
18 toward rebuilding affected fish stocks, and over-
19 fishing is ended immediately according to the proce-
20 dures set forth in this subsection.”.

21 **SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

22 The amendments made by section 2 shall apply with
23 respect to fishing years beginning after April 30, 2010.

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