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S. 297

To amend the Act entitled “An Act authorizing associations of producers of aquatic products” to include persons engaged in the fishery industry as charter boats or recreational fishermen, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 22, 2009

Mr. NELSON of Florida introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

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 “Charter and Rec-
5 reational Fishing Collective Marketing Act of 2009”.

6 **SEC. 2. CHARTER BOATS AND RECREATIONAL FISHERMEN.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Act of June 25, 1934 (48
8 Stat. 1213, chapter 742; 15 U.S.C. 521) is amended—

1 (1) in the second undesignated paragraph, by
2 inserting “and recreational” after “includes all com-
3 mercial”; and

4 (2) by inserting after the first undesignated
5 paragraph the following:

6 “Persons engaged in the fishery industry, as charter
7 boat or recreational fishermen catching aquatic products,
8 may act together in associations, corporate or otherwise,
9 with or without capital stock, in collectively catching, pro-
10 ducing, and marketing such aquatic products, including
11 implementing a vessel capacity reduction program, im-
12 proving the operational and economic efficiency of a fish-
13 ery, undertaking research, and improving the conservation
14 and management of a fishery resource.”.

15 (b) CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this section or the
16 amendments made by this section shall be construed to
17 diminish or supersede any authority or provision of the
18 Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Manage-
19 ment Act (16 U.S.C. 1801 et seq.).

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