

112TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 3906

To amend the Atlantic Striped Bass Conservation Act to allow recreational fishing for Atlantic Striped Bass in the Block Island Sound transit zone.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 6, 2012

Mr. BISHOP of New York 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. RECREATIONAL FISHING FOR ATLANTIC**
4 **STRIPED BASS IN THE BLOCK ISLAND SOUND**
5 **TRANSIT ZONE.**

6 Section 9 of the Atlantic Striped Bass Conservation
7 Act (16 U.S.C. 5158) is amended by adding at the end
8 the following new subsection:

9 “(d) RECREATIONAL FISHING IN BLOCK ISLAND
10 SOUND TRANSIT ZONE.—

1 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-
2 graph (2), the Secretary shall not prohibit fishing
3 for Atlantic Striped Bass in the Block Island Sound
4 transit zone.

5 “(2) EXCEPTION.—This subsection does not
6 limit the authority of the Secretary to establish sea-
7 sonal or other temporary limitations on fishing that
8 are specifically necessary for the conservation and
9 management of Atlantic striped bass.

10 “(3) BLOCK ISLAND SOUND TRANSIT ZONE DE-
11 FINED.—In this subsection the term ‘Block Island
12 Sound transit zone’ means the area of the exclusive
13 economic zone within Block Island Sound, north of
14 a line connecting Montauk Light, Montauk Point,
15 New York, and Block Island Southeast Light, Block
16 Island, Rhode Island; and west of a line connecting
17 Point Judith Light, Point Judith, Rhode Island, and
18 Block Island Southeast Light, Block Island, Rhode
19 Island.”.

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