

112TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 6096

To reauthorize various Acts relating to Atlantic Ocean marine fisheries.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 10, 2012

Mr. RUNYAN (for himself and Mr. PALLONE) introduced the following bill;
which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

A BILL

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marine fisheries.

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 “Atlantic Fisheries
5 Statutes Reauthorization Act of 2012”.

6 **SEC. 2. ANADROMOUS FISH CONSERVATION ACT REAU-**
7 **THORIZATION.**

8 (a) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section
9 4 of the Anadromous Fish Conservation Act (16 U.S.C.
10 757(d)) is amended to read as follows:

1 **“SEC. 4. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

2 “There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out
3 the purposes of this Act not to exceed \$4,500,000 for each
4 of fiscal years 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, and 2017.”.

5 (b) STOCK STRUCTURE OF ATLANTIC STURGEON
6 DISTINCT POPULATION SEGMENTS.—The Secretary of
7 Commerce, acting through the National Marine Fisheries
8 Service, shall by not later than September 30, 2013, use
9 appropriated funds to—

10 (1) conduct a comprehensive survey and stock
11 assessment, cooperative research program, and anal-
12 yses of genetic samples to determine the stock struc-
13 ture of Atlantic sturgeon distinct population seg-
14 ments along the United States Atlantic Coast;

15 (2) report the results of such actions to the ap-
16 propriate committees of jurisdiction of the Congress;
17 and

18 (3) use such results to inform the Atlantic stur-
19 geon biological opinion and to specify reasonable and
20 prudent alternatives and measures.

21 **SEC. 3. ATLANTIC STRIPED BASS CONSERVATION ACT RE-**
22 **AUTHORIZATION.**

23 (a) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section
24 7(a) of the Atlantic Striped Bass Conservation Act (16
25 U.S.C. 5156(a)) is amended to read as follows:

1 “(a) AUTHORIZATION.—For each of fiscal years
2 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, and 2017, there are authorized
3 to be appropriated to carry out this Act—

4 “(1) \$1,000,000 to the Secretary of Commerce;
5 and

6 “(2) \$250,000 to the Secretary of the Inte-
7 rior.”.

8 (b) STRIPED BASS FEEDING HABITS IN THE NEW
9 YORK BIGHT.—The Secretary of Commerce, acting
10 through the National Marine Fisheries Service, shall by
11 not later than September 30, 2013—

12 (1) conduct a comprehensive analysis of striped
13 bass feeding habits in the New York Bight; and

14 (2) report the results of such actions to the ap-
15 propriate committees of jurisdiction of the Congress,
16 and to the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Com-
17 mission.

18 **SEC. 4. INTERJURISDICTIONAL FISHERIES ACT REAUTHOR-**
19 **IZATION.**

20 Section 308 of the Interjurisdictional Fisheries Act
21 of 1986 (16 U.S.C. 4107) is amended—

22 (1) by striking subsection (a) and inserting the
23 following:

24 “(a) GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS.—There are author-
25 ized to be appropriated to the Secretary of Commerce for

1 apportionment to carry out the purposes of this title
2 \$5,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2013, 2014, 2015,
3 2016, and 2017.”; and

4 (2) in subsection (c), by striking “2007 through
5 2012” and inserting “2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, and
6 2017”.

7 **SEC. 5. NORTHWEST ATLANTIC FISHERIES CONVENTION**

8 **ACT OF 1995 REAUTHORIZATION.**

9 Section 211 of the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Con-
10 vention Act of 1995 (16 U.S.C. 5610) is amended by strik-
11 ing “2012” and inserting “2017”.

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