

114TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 3070

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 8, 2016

Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science,
and Transportation

AN ACT

To authorize the Secretary of Commerce to permit striped bass fishing in the Exclusive Economic Zone transit zone between Montauk, New York, and Point Judith, Rhode Island, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “EEZ Transit Zone
3 Clarification and Access Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. RECREATIONAL FISHING IN BLOCK ISLAND SOUND**
5 **TRANSIT ZONE.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Commerce, in
7 consultation with the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries
8 Commission, may issue regulations to permit and regulate
9 recreational Atlantic striped bass fishing in the Block Is-
10 land Sound Transit Zone.

11 (b) BLOCK ISLAND SOUND TRANSIT ZONE DE-
12 FINED.—In this section the term “Block Island Sound
13 transit zone” means the area of the exclusive economic
14 zone north of a line connecting Montauk Light, Montauk
15 Point, New York, and Block Island Southeast Light,
16 Block 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 Island.

19 (c) SAVINGS CLAUSE.—Nothing in this section or the
20 regulations issued under this section shall affect—

21 (1) any permit that—

22 (A) is issued under any other provision of
23 law by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric
24 Administration, including a permit issued be-
25 fore the date of the enactment of this Act; and

- 1 (B) authorizes fishing in the Block Island
- 2 Sound Transit Zone; or
- 3 (2) any activity authorized by such a permit.

Passed the House of Representatives June 7, 2016.

Attest:

KAREN L. HAAS,

Clerk.