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AN ACT

To exclude striped bass from the anadromous fish doubling requirement in section 3406(b)(1) of the Central Valley Project Improvement Act, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the ''Save Our Salmon Act'' or the ''SOS Act''.

SEC. 2. LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS.

Congress finds the following:

(1) California is home to many populations of native salmon and steelhead.

(2) Many of the native salmon and steelhead populations in California are listed under the Endangered Species Act of 1973.

(3) The Central Valley Project Improvement Act (CVPIA) required a doubling of natural production of Central Valley populations of anadromous fish within 10 years.

(4) Striped bass are anadromous fish indigenous to the East Coast of the United States and are not native to the State of California.

(5) Striped bass were included in the CVPIA's fish doubling goal even though they are not a native species.

(6) Striped bass prey on native salmon and steelhead.

(7) Predation poses a serious threat to federally protected juvenile salmon and other native fish in California.

(8) According to the National Marine Fisheries Service, reducing abundance of striped bass and other non-native predators must be achieved to prevent extinction of Central Valley salmon and steelhead or to prevent the species from declining irreversibly.

(9) Therefore, the CVPIA's fish-doubling goal for two competing species is contradictory and counterproductive for salmon and steelhead recovery.

SEC. 3. TREATMENT OF STRIPED BASS.

(a) ANADROMOUS FISH.—Section 3403(a) of the Central Valley Project Improvement Act (title XXXIV of Public Law 102–575) is amended by striking ''striped bass,'' after ''stocks of salmon (including steelhead),''.

(b) FISH AND WILDLIFE RESTORATION ACTIVITIES.—Section 3406(b) of the Central Valley Project Improvement Act (title XXXIV of Public Law 102–575) is amended by—

(1) striking paragraphs (14) and (18);

(2) redesignating paragraphs (15) through (17) as paragraphs (14) through (16), respectively; and

(3) redesignating paragraphs (19) through (23) as paragraphs (17) through (21), respectively.

(c) RESTORATION FUND ESTABLISHED.—Section 3407(a) of the Central Valley Project Improvement Act

(title XXXIV of Public Law 102–575) is amended by striking ''(10)–(18), and (20)–(22)'' and inserting ''(10)–(16), and (18)–(20)''.

Passed the House of Representatives July 5, 2016.

Attest: KAREN L. HAAS,

Clerk.