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H. R. 1411

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 7, 2017

Mr. PALLONE (for himself and Mr. LOBIONDO) 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Transparent Summer
5 Flounder Quotas Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. CONTINUATION OF FISHING SPECIFICATIONS FOR**
7 **THE SUMMER FLOUNDER FISHERY.**

8 (a) **LIMITATION.**—The final rule published by the
9 National Marine Fisheries Service titled “Fisheries of the
10 Northeastern United States; Summer Flounder, Scup, and

1 Black Sea Bass Fisheries; 2017–2018 Summer Flounder
2 Specifications and Announcement of 2017 Summer Floun-
3 der and Black Sea Bass Commercial Accountability Meas-
4 ures” and published December 22, 2016 (81 Fed. Reg.
5 93842), shall not apply with respect to the summer floun-
6 der fishery.

7 (b) CONTINUATION OF PREVIOUS SPECIFICA-
8 TIONS.—The specifications for summer flounder estab-
9 lished in the rule titled “Fisheries of the Northeastern
10 United States; Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea
11 Bass Fisheries; 2016–2018 Summer Flounder, Scup, and
12 Black Sea Bass Specifications” and published December
13 28, 2015 (80 Fed. Reg. 80689), shall apply with respect
14 to the summer flounder fishery until the date on which—

15 (1) a new summer flounder stock assessment is
16 completed after the date of the enactment of this
17 Act; and

18 (2) a new rule based on such stock assessment
19 takes effect.

20 (c) RELATIONSHIP TO EXISTING LAW.—Subsections
21 (a) and (b)—

22 (1) shall apply notwithstanding section
23 302(h)(6) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Con-
24 servation and Management Act (16 U.S.C.
25 1852(h)(6)); and

- 1 (2) shall not be construed to affect any other
2 provision of such Act.

