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H. R. 5269

To require State or territorial approval of restriction by the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Commerce of recreational or commercial fishing access to certain State or territorial waters, respectively.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 14, 2018

Mrs. RADEWAGEN 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 “State and Territorial
5 Approval for Restriction of Fishing Act” or the “STAR
6 Fishing Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. STATE OR TERRITORIAL APPROVAL OF RESTRIC-**
2 **TION OF RECREATIONAL OR COMMERCIAL**
3 **FISHING ACCESS TO CERTAIN STATE OR TER-**
4 **RITORIAL WATERS.**

5 (a) APPROVAL REQUIRED.—The Secretary of the In-
6 terior and the Secretary of Commerce shall not restrict
7 recreational or commercial fishing access to any State or
8 territorial marine waters or Great Lakes waters within the
9 jurisdiction of the National Park Service or the Office of
10 National Marine Sanctuaries, respectively, unless those re-
11 strictions are developed in coordination with, and ap-
12 proved by, the fish and wildlife management agency of the
13 State or territory that has fisheries management authority
14 over those waters.

15 (b) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term “marine
16 waters” includes coastal waters and estuaries.

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