

Public Law 118–229
118th Congress

An Act

Jan. 4, 2025
[H.R. 5103]

To require the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to approve or deny spend plans within a certain amount of time, and for other purposes.

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

Fishery
Improvement to
Streamline
untimely
regulatory
Hurdles post
Emergency
Situation Act.
16 USC 1801
note.
Deadlines.

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Fishery Improvement to Streamline untimely regulatory Hurdles post Emergency Situation Act” or the “FISHES Act”.

SEC. 2. SPEND PLANS.

Section 312(a)(6) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1861a(a)(6)) is amended—

(1) in subparagraph (D), to read as follows:

“(D) SPEND PLANS.—

“(i) IN GENERAL.—To receive an allocation from funds available under paragraph (9), a requester with an affirmative fishery resource disaster determination shall submit a spend plan to the Secretary, not more than 120 days after receiving notification that funds are available, that shall include the following information, if applicable:

“(I) Objectives and outcomes, with an emphasis on addressing the factors contributing to the fishery resource disaster and minimizing future uninsured losses, if applicable.

“(II) Statement of work.

“(III) Budget details.

“(ii) REVIEW.—

“(I) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall review a spend plan submitted under clause (i) to determine if it is complete and provide notice within 10 days.

“(II) INCOMPLETE SPEND PLAN.—If the Secretary determines that a spend plan submitted under clause (i) is not complete, when providing the notice required by subclause (I), the Secretary shall provide a detailed description of the information that is necessary for the spend plan to be determined complete.”; and

(2) in subparagraph (F)(i), to read as follows:

“(i) AVAILABILITY.—

Determination.
Notice.

“(I) TIMELINE.—Funds shall be made available to grantees not later than 90 days after the date the Secretary receives a complete spend plan.

“(II) REVIEW OF COMPLETED SPEND PLAN AND APPORTIONMENT OF FUNDS.—If so requested, the Director of the Office of Management and Budget may review a completed spend plan concurrently with the Secretary. The Director of the Office of Management and Budget may not delay the timeline described in subclause (I).”.

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