

HR 4895

To establish within the National Marine Fisheries Service a pelagic longline highly migratory species bycatch and mortality reduction research program, and for other purposes.

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Public Lands and Natural Resources

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 10, 2002

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Public Lands and Natural Resources

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Jun 6, 2002)

Creates within the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) a pelagic longline highly migratory species bycatch and mortality reduction research program, to be developed by a design team established by the Secretary of Commerce. Sets forth that the program should aim to determine the impact of existing time and area closures designed to reduce bycatch of longline vessels. Authorizes the NMFS to grant permits for vessels with NMFS-delegated observers to fish in closed areas of the Atlantic Ocean in furtherance of the research program. Amends the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to close the lower mid-Atlantic Conservation Zone and the upper mid-Atlantic Conservation Zone to pelagic longline fishing between July 15 and October 1 each year. Defines the Conservation Zones. Authorizes appropriations through FY 2007.

Actions Timeline

- **Jun 10, 2002:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans.
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