

HR 1024

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

Congress: 108 (2003–2005, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Public Lands and Natural Resources

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Sponsor

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Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 6, 2003

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Feb 27, 2003)

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. Requires the program 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-provided 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 to pelagic longline fishing the lower mid-Atlantic Conservation Zone between August 15 and October 1 and the upper mid-Atlantic Conservation Zone between July 15 and October 1 of each year.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 6, 2003:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans.
- **Mar 6, 2003:** Executive Comment Requested from Commerce.
- **Feb 27, 2003:** Introduced in House
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- **Feb 27, 2003:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E311)
- **Feb 27, 2003:** Referred to the House Committee on Resources.