

HR 2890

Freedom to Fish Act

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 27, 2003

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Sports and Recreation

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Jul 24, 2003)

Freedom to Fish Act - Amends the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to prohibit any fishery management plan prepared by a Regional Fishery Management Council or the Secretary of Commerce from establishing areas closed to recreational fishing unless: (1) there is a clear indication that recreational fishermen are the cause of a specific conservation problem and that less severe conservation measures will not adequately provide for conservation and management of the affected stocks of fish; (2) the closed area regulation includes specific measurable criteria to determine the conservation benefit of the closed area on such fish and provides a timetable for periodic review of the continued need for the closed area; (3) the closed area is no larger than that which is supported by the best available scientific information; or (4) provision is made to reopen the closed area to recreational fishing whenever any such condition that was the basis of the closure no longer exists.

Actions Timeline

- **Jul 27, 2003:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans.
- **Jul 27, 2003:** Executive Comment Requested from Commerce.
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- **Jul 24, 2003:** Referred to the House Committee on Resources.