HR 5741

Shark Conservation Act of 2008

Congress: 110 (2007–2009, Ended)
Chamber: House
Policy Area: Public Lands and Natural Resources
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jul 9, 2008
Natural Resources Committee	House	Reported by	Jun 4, 2008

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
110 S 3231	Related bill	**Jul 8, 2008:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

Summary (as of Jul 8, 2008)

Shark Conservation Act of 2008 - Amends the High Seas Driftnet Fishing Moratorium Protection Act to direct the Secretary of Commerce to list a nation in the biennial report on international compliance if the nation's fishing vessels are or have been engaged in fishing activities that target or incidentally catch sharks and the nation has not adopted a shark conservation program that is comparable, taking into account different conditions, to that of the United States, including measures to prohibit removal any of the fins of a shark (including the tail) and discarding the carcass of the shark at sea.

Amends the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to make it a prohibited act to: (1) remove any shark fin (including the tail) at sea; (2) have a fin aboard a fishing vessel unless the fin is naturally attached to the carcass; (3) transfer a fin from one vessel to another or receive a fin unless it is naturally attached; or (4) land a fin that is not naturally attached or a carcass without fins naturally attached. Creates a rebuttable presumption that, if any shark fin (including the tail) is aboard a non-fishing vessel without being naturally attached, the fin was transferred in violation.

Actions Timeline

- **Jul 9, 2008:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
- **Jul 8, 2008:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Natural Resources. H. Rept. 110-740.
- **Jul 8, 2008:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 471.
- **Jul 8, 2008:** Ms. Bordallo moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Jul 8, 2008:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H6180-6182)
- **Jul 8, 2008:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 5741.
- **Jul 8, 2008:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H6181)
- **Jul 8, 2008:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H6181)
- **Jul 8, 2008:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jun 11, 2008:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jun 11, 2008:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Jun 4, 2008:** Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jun 4, 2008:** Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee (Amended) by Voice Vote .
- **Apr 16, 2008:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **Apr 10, 2008:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, and Oceans.
- **Apr 9, 2008:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 9, 2008:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E566)
- **Apr 9, 2008:** Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

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