

HR 2706

Billfish Conservation Act of 2012

Congress: 112 (2011–2013, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Public Lands and Natural Resources

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Miller, Jeff [R-FL-1]

Party: Republican • **State:** FL • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (25 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Bonner, Jo [R-AL-1]	R · AL		Jul 29, 2011
Rep. Boren, Dan [D-OK-2]	D · OK		Jul 29, 2011
Rep. Duncan, Jeff [R-SC-3]	R · SC		Jul 29, 2011
Rep. Latta, Robert E. [R-OH-5]	R · OH		Jul 29, 2011
Rep. Michaud, Michael H. [D-ME-2]	D · ME		Jul 29, 2011
Rep. Ross, Mike [D-AR-4]	D · AR		Jul 29, 2011
Rep. Shuler, Heath [D-NC-11]	D · NC		Jul 29, 2011
Rep. Wittman, Robert J. [R-VA-1]	R · VA		Jul 29, 2011
Rep. Alexander, Rodney [R-LA-5]	R · LA		Sep 12, 2011
Rep. Coble, Howard [R-NC-6]	R · NC		Sep 12, 2011
Rep. Buchanan, Vern [R-FL-13]	R · FL		Sep 22, 2011
Rep. Rooney, Thomas J. [R-FL-16]	R · FL		Sep 26, 2011
Rep. Napolitano, Grace F. [D-CA-38]	D · CA		Sep 29, 2011
Rep. Diaz-Balart, Mario [R-FL-21]	R · FL		Oct 4, 2011
Rep. Ros-Lehtinen, Ileana [R-FL-18]	R · FL		Oct 14, 2011
Rep. Heinrich, Martin [D-NM-1]	D · NM		Oct 24, 2011
Rep. Harris, Andy [R-MD-1]	R · MD		Nov 1, 2011
Resident Commissioner Pierluisi, Pedro R. [D-PR-At Large]	D · PR		Nov 1, 2011
Rep. Flores, Bill [R-TX-17]	R · TX		Nov 2, 2011
Rep. Young, Don [R-AK-At Large]	R · AK		Nov 2, 2011
Rep. Southerland, Steve II [R-FL-2]	R · FL		Dec 6, 2011
Rep. Landry, Jeffrey M. [R-LA-3]	R · LA		Dec 8, 2011
Rep. Palazzo, Steven M. [R-MS-4]	R · MS		Jan 31, 2012
Rep. Rivera, David [R-FL-25]	R · FL		Mar 21, 2012
Rep. Kissell, Larry [D-NC-8]	D · NC		Jun 26, 2012

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Natural Resources Committee	House	Discharged from	Aug 1, 2012

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
112 S 3424	Related bill	Jul 24, 2012: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
112 S 3422	Related bill	Jul 23, 2012: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
112 S 1451	Identical bill	Jul 29, 2011: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

(This measure has not been amended since it was passed by the House on September 10, 2012. The summary of that version is repeated here.)

Billfish Conservation Act of 2012 - Prohibits any person from offering billfish or billfish products for sale, selling them, or having custody, control, or possession of them for purposes of offering them for sale or selling them.

Treats a violation of this Act as an act prohibited by the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. Subjects a person to a maximum civil penalty of \$100,000 for each violation, with each day of a continuing violation constituting a separate offense. Exempts billfish: (1) caught by U.S. fishing vessels and landed in the state of Hawaii or the Pacific Insular Areas (PIAs); or (2) landed by foreign fishing vessels in the PIAs when the foreign caught billfish is exported to non-U.S. markets or retained within Hawaii and the PIAs for local consumption.

Defines "billfish" as any of the following: (1) blue marlin, (2) striped marlin, (3) black marlin, (4) sailfish, (5) shortbill spearfish, (6) white marlin, (7) roundscale spearfish, (8) Mediterranean spearfish, or (9) longbill spearfish. Excludes swordfish from such definition.

Actions Timeline

- **Oct 5, 2012:** Signed by President.
- **Oct 5, 2012:** Became Public Law No: 112-183.
- **Sep 25, 2012:** Presented to President.
- **Sep 24, 2012:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Sep 22, 2012:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Voice Vote.(consideration: CR 9/21/2012 S6665)
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- **Sep 11, 2012:** Received in the Senate, read twice.
- **Sep 10, 2012:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Natural Resources. H. Rept. 112-656.
- **Sep 10, 2012:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 474.
- **Sep 10, 2012:** Mr. Hastings (WA) moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Sep 10, 2012:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H5732-5733)
- **Sep 10, 2012:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 2706.
- **Sep 10, 2012:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H5732)
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- **Sep 10, 2012:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Aug 1, 2012:** Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans, and Insular Affairs Discharged.
- **Aug 1, 2012:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Aug 1, 2012:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Unanimous Consent.
- **Jun 19, 2012:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **Aug 2, 2011:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans, and Insular Affairs.
- **Jul 29, 2011:** Introduced in House
- **Jul 29, 2011:** Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.