

HR 4742

Strengthening Fishing Communities and Increasing Flexibility in Fisheries Management Act

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Natural Resources Committee	House	Reported By	Dec 22, 2014

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
113 S 1275	Related bill	Sep 10, 2014: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 556.
113 HR 2646	Related bill	Apr 3, 2014: Subcommittee Hearings Held.

Strengthening Fishing Communities and Increasing Flexibility in Fisheries Management Act - Revises and reauthorizes through FY2018 the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (MSA).

Revises requirements for fishery management plans for overfished fisheries.

Modifies annual catch limit requirements, including by authorizing Regional Fishery Management Councils to consider changes in an ecosystem and the economic needs of the fishing communities when establishing the limits.

Replaces the term “overfished” with “depleted” throughout the MSA to distinguish between fish that are depleted due to fishing and those that are depleted for other reasons.

Requires fishery management plans to include a fishery impact statement to assess, specify, and analyze the likely effects and impacts of the proposed action on the quality of the human environment.

Requires the Secretary of Commerce to issue regulations governing the use of electronic monitoring of fisheries. Authorizes the Secretary to obligate amounts received as fisheries enforcement penalties for collecting information on data-poor fisheries.

Requires the Secretary to publish within a year a plan for implementing the Cooperative Research and Management Program.

Extends the offshore jurisdiction of Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama from three miles to nine miles for the recreational management of red snapper.

Specifies the role of the MSA in relationship to certain environmental laws.

Revitalizing the Economy of Fisheries in the Pacific Act or the REFI Pacific Act - Directs the Secretary of Commerce to issue a loan to refinance the existing debt obligation funding the fishing capacity reduction program for the West Coast groundfish fishery implemented under the Department of Commerce and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2003.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 22, 2014:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 542.
- **Dec 22, 2014:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Natural Resources. H. Rept. 113-711.
- **May 29, 2014:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **May 29, 2014:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 24 - 17.
- **May 23, 2014:** Introduced in House
- **May 23, 2014:** Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.