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Access for Sportfishing Act of 2016

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Chamber: Senate

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Nelson, Bill [D-FL]

Party: Democratic • **State:** FL • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Rubio, Marco [R-FL]	R · FL		Jun 23, 2016

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Reported By	Nov 28, 2016

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

(This measure has not been amended since it was introduced. The summary has been expanded because action occurred on the measure.)

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(Sec. 2) This bill requires the National Park Service to meet several requirements before implementing any fishing restrictions in Biscayne National Park located in Homestead, Florida. The requirements include basing any restriction on sound fisheries management, coordinating with the state of Florida, prioritizing scientific information relied upon by the state of Florida, and ensuring any restriction is the least restrictive measure necessary.

(Sec. 3) Additionally, the bill amends the Shark Conservation Act of 2010 to make shark feeding illegal in all U.S. waters.

The bill also amends the Billfish Conservation Act to maintain a prohibition on the sale of marlin, sailfish, and spearfish while ensuring that the exemption for traditional fisheries does not create new markets for these species.

Nothing in this bill shall affect the authority of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to establish conservation and management regulations under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act.

Actions Timeline

- **Nov 28, 2016:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Reported by Senator Thune without amendment. With written report No. 114-388.
- **Nov 28, 2016:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 692.
- **Jun 29, 2016:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
- **Jun 23, 2016:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jun 23, 2016:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.