

HR 3697

Strengthening Fishing Communities and Increasing Flexibility in Fisheries Management Act

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Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife. (Jul 25, 2019)

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
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Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

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This bill modifies provisions related to fishery management activities.

Among other things, the bill

- authorizes fishery management councils to use alternative measures as part of management plans at recreational fisheries and for recreational portions of mixed-use fisheries;
- revises the annual catch limit requirements, including by allowing councils to consider changes in an ecosystem changes and the economic needs of the fishing communities when establishing limits;
- directs the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to publish every three years a plan to conduct stock assessments for any species subject to a fishery management plan;
- requires NOAA to develop a plan for implementing cooperative research with fisherman and outside groups;
- prohibits feeding sharks in federal waters off the coast of Florida; and
- sets forth requirements under which a state may encourage the elimination of lionfish.

Actions Timeline

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