

HR 5548

Fishery Failures: Urgently Needed Disaster Declarations Act

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Natural Resources Committee	House	Hearings By (subcommittee)	Jan 14, 2020
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 7, 2020

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 S 2346	Related bill	Dec 21, 2020: Held at the desk.
116 HR 4679	Related bill	Dec 14, 2020: Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 527.

Summary (as of Jan 7, 2020)

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This bill revises the review process for making fishery resource disaster determinations.

Among other things, the bill

- maintains the authority of the Department of Commerce to determine the existence of a fishery disaster;
- sets forth requirements for initiating a request for a fishery resource disaster review;
- provides a 120-day time frame for Commerce to evaluate a request, beginning either upon receipt or at the close of the fishery season, if the fishery season closes;
- establishes criteria for Commerce to use when making a determination about whether a fishery resource disaster has occurred;
- lists eligible uses of fishery disaster relief funds, including for habitat conservation and restoration that reduce adverse impacts to a fishery; and
- revises reporting requirements for the biennial report on international compliance regarding foreign fishing and international fishery agreements.

Actions Timeline

- **Jan 14, 2020:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **Jan 8, 2020:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife.
- **Jan 7, 2020:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 7, 2020:** Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.