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Fluke Fairness Act of 2019

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Schumer, Charles E. [D-NY]

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

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Reported By	Dec 5, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

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This bill directs the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council to submit for approval by the Department of Commerce a modified fishery management plan for the commercial and recreational management of summer flounder, or an amendment to the plan, that

- is based on the best scientific information available;
- establishes commercial quotas in direct proportion to the distribution, abundance, and location of summer flounder as reflected by fishery independent surveys conducted by the National Marine Fisheries Service and state agencies;
- considers regional, coastwide, or other management measures that comply with national standards under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act; and
- prohibits the establishment of commercial catch quotas on a state-by-state basis using historical landings data that does not reflect the status of the summer flounder stock, based on the most recent scientific information.

Commerce must prepare and consider a plan if the council fails to submit the modifications or amendments.

The Government Accountability Office must assess and report on whether the subsequent implementation of the approved plan or amendment complies with national standards.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 5, 2019:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Reported by Senator Wicker without amendment. With written report No. 116-167.
- **Dec 5, 2019:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 317.
- **Apr 3, 2019:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
- **Mar 27, 2019:** Introduced in Senate
- **Mar 27, 2019:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. (text: CR S2049-2050)