

S 1747

Fluke Fairness Act of 2021

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Public Lands and Natural Resources

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Latest Action: By Senator Cantwell from Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation filed written report.

Report No. 117-66. (Feb 3, 2022)

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Sponsor

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

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

Cosponsors (1 total)

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Committee Activity

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| Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee | Senate | Reported By | Dec 17, 2021 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

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This bill directs the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council to submit a modified fishery management plan for the commercial and recreational management of summer flounder (commonly known as fluke), or an amendment to the plan, to the Department of Commerce. The plan must

- establish 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;
- consider regional, coastwide, or other management measures that comply with national standards under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act; and
- prohibit 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

- **Feb 3, 2022:** By Senator Cantwell from Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation filed written report. Report No. 117-66.
- **Dec 17, 2021:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Reported by Senator Cantwell with an amendment. Without written report.
- **Dec 17, 2021:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 213.
- **Jun 16, 2021:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Ordered to be reported with an amendment favorably.
- **May 20, 2021:** Introduced in Senate
- **May 20, 2021:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. (text: CR S3196-3197)