

## S 1508

### Rhode Island Fishermen's Fairness Act of 2023

**Congress:** 118 (2023–2025, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Public Lands and Natural Resources

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Reed, Jack [D-RI]

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

### Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]	D · RI		May 10, 2023

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 10, 2023

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 HR 3187	Identical bill	May 10, 2023: Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

### Summary (as of May 10, 2023)

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This bill adds Rhode Island to the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council and increases council membership from 21 to 23 members. The council is not given authority over the fisheries in the Atlantic Ocean seaward of Rhode Island. The bill also increases the number of members to be appointed by the Secretary of Commerce from 13 to 14.

The council is one of eight regional councils in the United States that are responsible for managing fishery resources in federal waters in coordination with National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

## Actions Timeline

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