

S.269 - International Fisheries Stewardship and Enforcement Act

113th Congress (2013-2014)

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Sponsor: [Sen. Rockefeller, John D., IV \[D-WV\]](#) (Introduced 02/11/2013)

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Latest Action: 07/30/2013 Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.

Major Recorded Votes: There are no Roll Call votes for this bill

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Introduced in Senate (02/11/2013)

International Fisheries Stewardship and Enforcement Act - Directs the Secretary of Commerce (Secretary) and the Secretary of the department in which the Coast Guard is operating to enforce specified laws concerning fisheries and fish products, as applicable to specified provisions of this Act.

Sets forth penalties under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act and provides additional authority for search inspections, shipment detentions, arrests, and subpoenas.

Amends the High Seas Driftnet Fishing Moratorium Protection Act to direct the Secretary to identify nations or certain entities that are engaged or have been engaged during the preceding three years in illegal, unreported, or unregulated fishing, or that have violated related conservation and management measures.

Prohibits certain activities under specified fishing and marine Acts, including: (1) refusing, resisting, or interfering with searches, investigations, or observers; (2) importing, exporting, transporting, selling, or purchasing fish or fish products in violation of a treaty or any binational conservation measure to which the United States is a party; or (3) falsifying records, accounts, labels, or product identification.

Authorizes the Secretary to: (1) identify vessels and vessel owners engaged in illegal, unreported, or unregulated fishing; and (2) take appropriate action against such vessels and vessel owners in accordance with U.S. and international law. Applies any action restricting port privileges to all U.S. and territorial ports.

Directs the Secretary to establish an interagency International Fisheries Enforcement Task Force, through the National Marine Fisheries Service, to investigate illegal, unreported, or unregulated fishing activity and trafficking and to enforce the provisions of this Act.

Authorizes the Secretary to establish an international cooperation and assistance program to provide assistance for international capacity building efforts.

Amends the High Seas Fishing Compliance Act to revise high seas fishing permit provisions.

Authorizes information disclosure to the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization, international fishery management organizations, or arrangements made under an international fishery agreement, if those organizations or arrangements have unauthorized information disclosure safeguards.

Antigua Convention Implementing Act of 2013 - Amends the Tuna Conventions Act of 1950 to revise provisions regarding: (1) the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission, (2) the General Advisory Committee, (3) the Scientific Advisory Subcommittee, (4) prohibited acts, and (5) enforcement.

Repeals the Eastern Pacific Tuna Licensing Act of 1984.