

117TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 272

To amend the National Marine Sanctuaries Act to prescribe an additional requirement for the designation of marine sanctuaries off the coast of Alaska, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 11, 2021

Mr. YOUNG introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. LIMITATION ON AUTHORITY TO DESIGNATE**
4 **MARINE SANCTUARIES.**

5 Section 303 of the National Marine Sanctuaries Act
6 (16 U.S.C. 1433) is amended—

1 (1) in subsection (a), by striking “The Sec-
2 retary may” and inserting “Subject to subsection
3 (c), the Secretary may”; and

4 (2) by adding at the end the following:

5 “(c) LIMITATION.—The Secretary may not designate
6 as a national marine sanctuary any area of the marine
7 environment off the coast of Alaska seaward of the high
8 tide line unless an Act of Congress—

9 “(1) requires the Secretary to make such a des-
10 ignation; and

11 “(2) prescribes the boundaries of the area to be
12 given such designation by the Secretary.”.

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