

Union Calendar No. 397

114TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 3070

[Report No. 114-517]

To clarify that for purposes of all Federal laws governing marine fisheries management, the landward boundary of the exclusive economic zone between areas south of Montauk, New York, and Point Judith, Rhode Island, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 15, 2015

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

APRIL 25, 2016

Additional sponsor: Mr. GOSAR

APRIL 25, 2016

Reported with amendments, committed to the Committee of the Whole House
on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in italic]

[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on July 15, 2015]

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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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 *This Act may be cited as the “EEZ Transit Zone Clar-*
 5 *ification and Access Act”.*

6 **SEC. 2. RECREATIONAL FISHING IN BLOCK ISLAND SOUND**
 7 **TRANSIT ZONE.**

8 (a) *IN GENERAL.*—*The Secretary of Commerce, in con-*
 9 *sultation with the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Com-*
 10 *mission, may issue regulations to permit and regulate rec-*
 11 *reational Atlantic striped bass fishing in the Block Island*
 12 *Sound Transit Zone.*

13 (b) *BLOCK ISLAND SOUND TRANSIT ZONE DE-*
 14 *FINED.*—*In this section the term “Block Island Sound tran-*
 15 *sit zone” means the area of the exclusive economic zone*
 16 *north of a line connecting Montauk Light, Montauk Point,*
 17 *New York, and Block Island Southeast Light, Block Island,*
 18 *Rhode Island; and west of a line connecting Point Judith*
 19 *Light, Point Judith, Rhode Island, and Block Island South-*
 20 *east Light, Block Island, Rhode Island.*

21 (c) *SAVINGS CLAUSE.*—*Nothing in this section or the*
 22 *regulations issued under this section shall affect—*

23 (1) *any permit that—*

24 (A) *is issued under any other provision of*
 25 *law by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric*

- 1 *Administration, including a permit issued before*
2 *the date of the enactment of this Act; and*
3 *(B) authorizes fishing in the Block Island*
4 *Sound Transit Zone; or*
5 *(2) any activity authorized by such a permit.*

Amend the title so as to read: “A bill to authorize the Secretary of Commerce to permit striped bass fishing in the Exclusive Economic Zone transit zone between Montauk, New York, and Point Judith, Rhode Island, and for other purposes.”.

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