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S. 1206

To ensure fair treatment in licensing requirements for the export of certain echinoderms.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. KING (for himself and Ms. COLLINS) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

A BILL

To ensure fair treatment in licensing requirements for the export of certain echinoderms.

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. EXEMPTION OF EXPORTATION OF CERTAIN**
4 **ECHINODERMS FROM PERMISSION AND LI-**
5 **CENSING REQUIREMENTS.**

6 (a) EXEMPTION.—Not later than 30 days after the
7 date of enactment of this Act, the Director of the United
8 States Fish and Wildlife Service shall amend section 14.92
9 of title 50, Code of Federal Regulations, to clarify that—

1 (1) fish or wildlife described in subsection (b)
2 are fishery products exempt from the export permis-
3 sion requirements of section 9(d)(1) of the Endan-
4 gered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1538(d)(1));
5 and

6 (2) any person may engage in business as an
7 exporter of fish or wildlife described in subsection
8 (b) without procuring—

9 (A) permission under section 9(d)(1) of the
10 Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C.
11 1538(d)(1)); or

12 (B) an export license under subpart I of
13 part 14 of title 50, Code of Federal Regulations
14 (or successor regulations).

15 (b) COVERED FISH OR WILDLIFE.—The fish or wild-
16 life referred to in subsection (a) are members of the phy-
17 lum Echinodermata that are commonly known as sea ur-
18 chins and sea cucumbers (including any products of those
19 members of the phylum Echinodermata) that—

20 (1) do not require a permit under part 16, 17,
21 or 23 of title 50, Code of Federal Regulations (or
22 successor regulations);

23 (2)(A) are harvested in waters under the juris-
24 diction of the United States; or

25 (B) are processed in the United States; and

1 (3) are—

2 (A) exported for purposes of human or ani-
3 mal consumption; or

4 (B) taken in waters under the jurisdiction
5 of the United States or on the high seas for
6 recreational purposes.

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