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To require the Under Secretary of Commerce for Standards and Technology and the Administrator of National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to develop a standard methodology for identifying the country of origin of red snapper imported into the United States, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. CRUZ (for himself, Mr. TUBERVILLE, and Mrs. BRITT) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Illegal Red Snapper
5 Enforcement Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. METHODOLOGY FOR IDENTIFYING THE COUNTRY**
2 **OF ORIGIN OF RED SNAPPER IMPORTED**
3 **INTO THE UNITED STATES.**

4 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

5 (1) ADMINISTRATOR.—The term “Adminis-
6 trator” means the Administrator of the National
7 Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

8 (2) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CON-
9 GRESS.—The term “appropriate committees of Con-
10 gress” means—

11 (A) the Committee on Commerce, Science,
12 and Transportation of the Senate; and

13 (B) the Committee on Transportation and
14 Infrastructure and the Committee on Natural
15 Resources of the House of Representatives.

16 (3) UNDER SECRETARY.—The term “Under
17 Secretary” means the Under Secretary of Commerce
18 for Standards and Technology and the Director of
19 the National Institute of Standards and Technology.

20 (b) STANDARD METHODOLOGY FOR IDENTIFICA-
21 TION.—The Under Secretary and the Administrator, in
22 consultation with the Commissioner of U.S. Customs and
23 Border Protection and the Commandant of the Coast
24 Guard, shall jointly develop a standard methodology based
25 on chemical analysis for identifying the country of origin
26 of red snapper imported into the United States that—

1 (1) is consistent with the needs of Federal and
2 State law enforcement agencies in combating illegal,
3 unreported, and unregulated fishing;

4 (2) minimizes processing time; and

5 (3) involves the use of a field kit that can be
6 easily carried by one individual.

7 (c) REPORT.—Not later 2 years after the date of the
8 enactment of this Act, the Under Secretary shall submit
9 to the appropriate committees of Congress a report that
10 includes the following:

11 (1) A summary of the methodology developed
12 under subsection (b).

13 (2) A plan for operationalizing the methodology.

14 (3) Recommendations for further research on
15 identification methods, including other potential ap-
16 plications of the methodology.

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