

113TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 713

To amend the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to add Rhode Island to the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 11, 2013

Mr. REED (for himself and Mr. WHITEHOUSE) 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 “Rhode Island Fisher-
5 men’s Fairness Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress makes the following findings:

8 (1) Rhode Island fishermen participate in fish-
9 eries managed by the New England Fishery Man-

1 agement Council (hereinafter referred to as the
2 “NEFMC”) and the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Manage-
3 ment Council (hereinafter referred to as the
4 “MAFMC”).

5 (2) Rhode Island currently has voting member-
6 ship on the NEFMC under the Magnuson-Stevens
7 Fishery Conservation and Management Act but does
8 not have voting membership on the MAFMC.

9 (3) Rhode Island lands more MAFMC-managed
10 stocks than any other MAFMC member except the
11 State of New Jersey.

12 (4) A higher percentage of Rhode Island’s com-
13 mercial landings (by weight or value) traditionally
14 have come from species that are managed by the
15 MAFMC as compared to species managed by
16 NEFMC.

17 (5) MAFMC has found that Rhode Island’s cir-
18 cumstance parallels that of Florida and North Caro-
19 lina, which each have voting membership on two dif-
20 ferent fishery management councils.

21 **SEC. 3. ADDITION OF RHODE ISLAND TO THE MID-ATLAN-**
22 **TIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL.**

23 Section 302(a)(1)(B) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fish-
24 ery Conservation and Management Act (16 U.S.C.
25 1852(a)(1)(B)) is amended—

1 (1) by inserting “Rhode Island,” after “States
2 of”;

3 (2) by inserting “Rhode Island,” after “except
4 North Carolina,”;

5 (3) by striking “21” and inserting “23”; and

6 (4) by striking “13” and inserting “14”.

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