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To protect the fisheries of Bristol Bay, Alaska, by purchasing certain oil leases, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. YOUNG of Alaska introduced the following bill; which was referred jointly to the Committees on Natural Resources and Merchant Marine and Fisheries

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 “Bristol Bay Fisheries
5 Protection Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 For the purposes of this Act—

8 (1) terms defined in the Outer Continental
9 Shelf Lands Act have the meaning given such terms
10 in that Act;

1 (2) the term “North Aleutian Basin Planning
2 Area” means the area so named and designated in
3 the Department of the Interior Outer Continental
4 Shelf Natural Gas and Oil Resources Management
5 Comprehensive Program 1992–1997 Proposal, dated
6 July 25, 1991;

7 (3) the term “preleasing activities” means ac-
8 tivities conducted before a lease sale is held, and in-
9 cludes the scheduling of a lease, requests for indus-
10 try interest, calls for information and nominations,
11 area identifications, publication of draft or final en-
12 vironmental impact statements, notices of sale, and
13 any form of rotary drilling; but such term does not
14 include environmental, geologic, geophysical, eco-
15 nomic, engineering, or other scientific analysis, stud-
16 ies, and evaluations;

17 (4) the term “Secretary” means the Secretary
18 of the Interior.

19 **SEC. 3 RELATIONSHIP TO OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF**
20 **LEASING PROGRAM AND EXISTING LAW.**

21 (a) Notwithstanding the Outer Continental Shelf
22 Leasing Program maintained by the Secretary pursuant
23 to section 18 of the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act
24 (43 U.S.C. 1344) or any lease sale schedule contained in
25 a specific leasing program thereunder, the Secretary shall

1 carry out such program consistent with the provisions of
2 this Act.

3 (b) Except as otherwise specifically provided in this
4 Act, nothing in this Act shall be construed to affect the
5 application of other Federal law to activities conducted on
6 the Outer Continental Shelf.

7 **SEC. 4. RESTRICTIONS AND REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE**
8 **TO THE NORTH ALEUTIAN BASIN PLANNING**
9 **AREA.**

10 In the North Aleutian Basin Planning Area, the addi-
11 tional restrictions and requirements in this section shall
12 apply:

13 (1) No preleasing activity shall be conducted
14 before the issuance of the first final 5-year leasing
15 plan under section 18 of the Outer Continental Shelf
16 Lands Act after January 1, 2002.

17 (2)(A) Notwithstanding the requirements of
18 section 5(a)(2) (A) and (B) of the Outer Continental
19 Shelf Lands Act (43 U.S.C. 1334(a)(2) (A) and
20 (B)), the Secretary, within 90 days after the date of
21 enactment of this Act, shall cancel any active leases
22 in the area.

23 (B) Before the cancellation required under sub-
24 paragraph (A), no exploration or development plans
25 or permits to drill shall be approved for any such

1 lease in existence on the date of enactment of this
2 Act.

3 (C) Compensation to lessees owning leases that
4 are canceled under subparagraph (A) shall be deter-
5 mined under section 5(a)(2) (C) and (D) of the
6 Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act (43 U.S.C. 1334
7 (a)(2) (C) and (D)).

8 **SEC. 5. CANCELLATION OF LEASES.**

9 Section 5(a)(2)(B) of the Outer Continental Shelf
10 Lands Act (43 U.S.C. 1334(a)(2)(B)) is amended—

11 (1) by inserting “or pursuant to an Act of Con-
12 gress” after “by the Secretary”; and

13 (2) by striking “five” and inserting in lieu
14 thereof “two”.

15 **SEC. 6. COMPENSATION FOR LEASE BUYBACKS.**

16 Section 5(a)(2) of the Outer Continental Shelf Lands
17 Act (43 U.S.C. 1334(a)(2)) is amended—

18 (1) by inserting “and” at the end of subpara-
19 graph (C); and

20 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
21 paragraph:

22 “(D) that compensation a lessee is entitled
23 to receive under subparagraph (C) may be
24 made in the form of currency, forgiveness of the
25 lessee’s obligations to pay rents or royalties

1 which would otherwise be paid to the Federal
2 Government on another lease issued pursuant
3 to this Act or the Mineral Leasing Act, or a
4 combination of currency with such forgive-
5 ness.”.

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