104TH CONGRESS 1ST SESSION

H. R. 2655

To amend the Atlantic Striped Bass Conservation Act to authorize the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council to prepare a fishery management plan for Atlantic striped bass under the Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 16, 1995

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

A BILL

- To amend the Atlantic Striped Bass Conservation Act to authorize the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council to prepare a fishery management plan for Atlantic striped bass under the Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act.
 - 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 "Atlantic Striped Bass
 - 5 Preservation Act of 1995".

1	SEC. 2. ISSUANCE OF FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR
2	ATLANTIC STRIPED BASS.
3	Section 10 of the Atlantic Striped Bass Conservation
4	Act (16 U.S.C. 1851 note) is amended to read as follows
5	"SEC. 10. ISSUANCE OF FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN.
6	"(a) In General.—The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Man-
7	agement Council may prepare and submit to the Sec-
8	retary, under title III of the Magnuson Fishery Conserva-
9	tion and Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1651 et seq.), a fish-
10	ery management plan governing fishing for Atlantic
11	striped bass in that portion of the exclusive economic zone
12	located within the geographical area of authority of the
13	Council.
14	"(b) Contents.—In addition to the requirements
15	applicable to fishery management plans under title III of
16	the Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management
17	Act, the fishery management plan prepared under sub-
18	section (a) shall include provisions to—
19	"(1) ensure the effectiveness of all State regula-
20	tions governing, and any Federal moratorium in ef-
21	fect under Federal law on, fishing for Atlantic
22	striped bass within coastal waters of a coastal State
23	and
24	"(2) achieve conservation and management
25	goals established for the Atlantic striped bass re-

- 1 source by the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Com-
- 2 mission.
- 3 "(c) Consultations.—In preparing a fishery man-
- 4 agement plan under this section, the Mid-Atlantic Fishery
- 5 Management Council shall consult with—
- 6 "(1) the New England Fishery Management
- 7 Council;
- 8 "(2) the South Atlantic Fishery Management
- 9 Council;
- 10 "(3) the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Com-
- 11 mission; and
- "(4) each Federal, State, and local government
- entity affected by the plan.
- 14 "(d) Effectiveness of Moratorium in EEZ.—
- 15 The prohibitions relating to Atlantic striped bass under
- 16 part 656.3 of title 50, Code of Federal Regulations, as
- 17 in effect on November 15, 1995, shall be in effect until
- 18 the later of—
- 19 "(1) January 1, 2001; or
- 20 "(2) the date on which a fishery management
- 21 plan submitted under this section takes effect under
- title III of the Magnuson Fishery Conservation and
- 23 Management Act.
- 24 "(e) Exclusive Economic Zone Defined.—In
- 25 this section, the term 'exclusive economic zone' has the

- 1 meaning that term has under section 3 of the Magnuson
- 2 Fishery Conservation and Management Act (16 U.S.C.

3 1802).".

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