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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,*

1 **SECTION 1. MORATORIUM.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any provision of  
3 the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Manage-  
4 ment Act (16 U.S.C. 1801 et seq.), no large fishing vessel  
5 may engage in fishing for Atlantic herring or Atlantic  
6 mackerel within the United States exclusive economic zone  
7 until—

8 (1) the National Marine Fisheries Service has  
9 completed a new population survey into the abun-  
10 dance of the discrete spawning stocks of Atlantic  
11 herring and Atlantic mackerel; and

12 (2) the Secretary of Commerce has approved  
13 and implemented fishery management plans devel-  
14 oped by the appropriate regional fishery manage-  
15 ment council for Atlantic herring and Atlantic mack-  
16 erel, which specifically allow large fishing vessels to  
17 participate in those fisheries.

18 (b) LARGE FISHING VESSEL DEFINED.—In this sec-  
19 tion, the term “large fishing vessel”—

20 (1) except as provided in paragraph (2), means  
21 a fishing vessel (as that term is defined in section  
22 3 of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation  
23 and Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1802)) of the  
24 United States that is equal to or greater than 165  
25 feet in length overall and has an engine of more  
26 than 3,000 horsepower; and

1           (2) does not include such a vessel that engages  
2           only in processing fish harvested by fishing vessels  
3           of the United States.

Passed the House of Representatives July 28, 1997.

Attest:

*Clerk.*