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# H. R. 3307

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 23, 2009

Mr. MICA (for himself, Mr. JONES, Mr. MCINTYRE, Mr. BROWN of South Carolina, Mr. CRENSHAW, Mr. STEARNS, Mr. WESTMORELAND, and Mr. MILLER of Florida) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

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## 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. SOUTH ATLANTIC RED SNAPPER FISHERY.**

4 (a) POPULATION STUDY.—The Secretary of Com-  
5 merce shall conduct a study of the population of the South

1 Atlantic red snapper fishery and submit to Congress a re-  
2 port on the findings of such study.

3 (b) LIMITATION ON INTERIM RULE CLOSING FISH-  
4 ERY.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Commerce  
6 may not promulgate any interim rule under section  
7 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conserva-  
8 tion and Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1855(c)) that  
9 prohibits fishing in the South Atlantic red snapper  
10 fishery before the date the Secretary submits to  
11 Congress a report on findings of a study under sub-  
12 section (b) that demonstrate the need for such in-  
13 terim rules.

14 (2) EXISTING INTERIM RULES.—Any interim  
15 rule described in paragraph (1) that was promul-  
16 gated before the date of enactment of this Act shall  
17 have no force or effect.

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