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S. 477

To amend the Act entitled “An Act authorizing associations of producers of aquatic products” to include persons engaged in the fishery industry as charter boats or recreational fishermen, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 25, 2009

Mr. NELSON of Florida 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 “Fishermen’s Collective
5 Marketing Act of 2009”.

6 **SEC. 2. CHARTER BOATS AND RECREATIONAL FISHERMEN.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Act of June 25, 1934 (48
8 Stat. 1213, chapter 742; 15 U.S.C. 521) is amended—

1 (1) in the second undesignated paragraph, by
2 inserting “and recreational” after “includes all com-
3 mercial”; and

4 (2) by inserting after the first undesignated
5 paragraph the following:

6 “Persons engaged in the fishery industry, as charter
7 boat or recreational fishing services providers, may act to-
8 gether in associations, corporate or otherwise, with or
9 without capital stock, in collectively undertaking and mar-
10 keting such activities and services, including implementing
11 a vessel capacity reduction program, improving the oper-
12 ational and economic efficiency of a fishery, undertaking
13 research, and improving the conservation and manage-
14 ment of a fishery resource.”.

15 (b) CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this section or the
16 amendments made by this section shall be construed to
17 diminish or supersede any authority or provision of the
18 Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Manage-
19 ment Act (16 U.S.C. 1801 et seq.).

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