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To prohibit Federal agencies from requiring seafood to be certified as sustainable by a third party nongovernmental organization and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Ms. MURKOWSKI introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

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 “Responsible Seafood
5 Certification and Labeling Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON SEAFOOD SUSTAINABILITY CER-**
7 **TIFICATION REQUIREMENTS.**

8 (a) PROHIBITION.—No executive agency may—

1 (1) require or reference a certificate of sustain-
2 ability, or otherwise identify as sustainable, based on
3 criteria or standards developed by a third party non-
4 governmental organization in awarding a contract
5 for—

6 (A) the procurement of fish or seafood; or

7 (B) concessions or vending, including the
8 sale of fish or seafood; or

9 (2) endorse the use of any label, standard, or
10 other scheme to certify fish or seafood as sustainable
11 based on criteria or standards developed by a third
12 party nongovernmental organization.

13 (b) EXECUTIVE AGENCY DEFINED.—In this section,
14 the term “executive agency” has the meaning given that
15 term in section 133 of title 41, United States Code.

16 (c) EFFECT ON REGULATIONS.—No rule, regulation,
17 or guideline issued by an executive agency, including the
18 Department of Health and Human Services, that requires
19 or recommends that fish or seafood be certified as sustain-
20 able by a third party nongovernmental organization shall
21 have any force or effect, including any rule, regulation,
22 or guideline issued prior to the date of the enactment of
23 this Act.

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