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# S. 747

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 17, 2013

Mr. VITTER introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred  
to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

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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. DEFINITIONS.**

4       In this Act:

5               (1) **GULF STATE.**—The term “Gulf States”  
6       means the States of Alabama, Florida, Louisiana,  
7       Mississippi, and Texas.

8               (2) **SECRETARY.**—The term “Secretary” means  
9       the Secretary of Commerce.

1 **SEC. 2. FISHERY MANAGEMENT RIGHTS.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subsection (b), not  
3 later than 120 days after the date of enactment of this  
4 Act, the Secretary shall grant to the Gulf States exclusive  
5 fishery management authority over the red snapper fish  
6 (*lutjanus campechanus*) in the Gulf of Mexico in the area  
7 located between the coast line of each Gulf State and the  
8 point that is 200 miles seaward of the coast line of each  
9 Gulf State, consistent with the jurisdictional limit of the  
10 exclusive economic zone.

11 (b) AGREEMENT BETWEEN GOVERNORS.—

12 (1) IN GENERAL.—The grant of authority  
13 under subsection (a) is contingent on the condition  
14 that not later than 180 days after the date on which  
15 the Secretary grants the authority, the Governors of  
16 each of the Gulf States—

17 (A) agree on a fishery management plan  
18 governing management of the red snapper fish  
19 (*lutjanus campechanus*); and

20 (B) certify in writing to the Secretary that  
21 the Governors have entered into that agree-  
22 ment.

23 (2) REVERSION.—If the Governors fail to enter  
24 into an agreement under paragraph (1), the author-

- 1       ity granted to the Governors under subsection (a)
- 2       shall revert to the Secretary.

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