

115TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 2504

AN ACT

To ensure fair treatment in licensing requirements for the
export of certain echinoderms.

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. EXEMPTION OF EXPORTATION OF CERTAIN**
2 **ECHINODERMS FROM PERMISSION AND LI-**
3 **CENSING REQUIREMENTS.**

4 (a) EXEMPTION.—Not later than 30 days after the
5 date of the enactment of this Act, the Director of the
6 United States Fish and Wildlife Service shall amend sec-
7 tion 14.92 of title 50, Code of Federal Regulations, to
8 clarify that—

9 (1) fish or wildlife described in subsection (b)
10 are fishery products exempt from the export permis-
11 sion requirements of section 9(d)(1) of the Endan-
12 gered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1538(d)(1));
13 and

14 (2) any person may engage in business as an
15 exporter of such fish or wildlife without procuring
16 permission under such section of that Act or an ex-
17 port license under subpart I of part 14 of such title.

18 (b) COVERED FISH OR WILDLIFE.—The fish or wild-
19 life referred to in subsection (a) are members of the phy-
20 lum Echinodermata that are commonly known as sea ur-
21 chins and sea cucumbers, including products thereof,
22 that—

23 (1) do not require a permit under part 16, 17,
24 or 23 of title 50, Code of Federal Regulations;

1 (2) are harvested in waters under the jurisdic-
2 tion of the United States or are processed in the
3 United States; and

4 (3) are—

5 (A) exported for purposes of human or ani-
6 mal consumption; or

7 (B) taken in waters under the jurisdiction
8 of the United States or on the high seas for
9 recreational purposes.

Passed the House of Representatives February 5,
2018.

Attest:

Clerk.

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