

116TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 7167

To amend the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to add a pandemic as a potential cause of a fishery resource disaster.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 11, 2020

Mr. GOLDEN (for himself and Mr. GRAVES of Louisiana) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

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 “Pandemic Fishery Dis-
5 aster Response Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. TRANSITION TO SUSTAINABLE FISHERIES.**

7 Section 312(a)(1) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery
8 Conservation and Management Act (16 U.S.C.
9 1861a(a)(1)) is amended—

1 (1) in subparagraph (B) by striking “; or” and
2 inserting “;”;

3 (2) in subparagraph (C) by striking “.” and in-
4 serting “; or”; and

5 (3) by adding at the end the following:

6 “(D) a pandemic, as such term is defined by
7 the Secretary of Health and Human Services.”.

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