

S. 105, The Red Snapper Management Improvement Act
Sponsor – Senator Vitter (R- Louisiana)

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Referred to the Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee

Section 1 – Short Title.

Section 2 – Definitions. The bill includes definitions of the Exclusive Economic Zone (the same definition as used in the Magnuson-Stevens Act), fishery management plan (means a plan for the sustainability of red snapper in the Gulf of Mexico and the economic and community benefits to each of the Gulf coastal states), and Gulf coastal state (means the States of Alabama, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi, or Texas).

Section 3 – Management of Red Snapper in the Gulf of Mexico. This section would allow the Gulf coastal states to have exclusive authority to manage the red snapper fishery within their State waters and throughout the EEZ in the Gulf of Mexico if each of the Gulf coastal states agrees to a fishery management plan. The bill would waive the provisions of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act.

Section 4 – Funding. This provision would require the Secretary of Commerce to provide appropriate funding to carry out necessary stock assessments and data collection for the red snapper fishery if each of the Gulf coastal states agrees to a fishery management plan.