

114TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 105

To permit management of the red snapper by Gulf Coast States and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 7, 2015

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

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 “Red Snapper Manage-
5 ment Improvement Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this Act:

8 (1) **EXCLUSIVE ECONOMIC ZONE.**—The term
9 “exclusive economic zone” has the meaning given
10 that term in section 3 of the Magnuson-Stevens

1 Fishery Conservation and Management Act (16
2 U.S.C. 1802).

3 (2) FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN.—The term
4 “fishery management plan” means a plan for the
5 sustainability of the red snapper in the Gulf of Mex-
6 ico and the economic and community benefits of
7 each of the Gulf coastal States.

8 (3) GULF COASTAL STATE.—The term “Gulf
9 coastal State” means—

- 10 (A) Alabama;
- 11 (B) Florida;
- 12 (C) Louisiana;
- 13 (D) Mississippi; or
- 14 (E) Texas.

15 **SEC. 3. MANAGEMENT OF RED SNAPPER IN THE GULF OF**
16 **MEXICO.**

17 Notwithstanding any provision of the Magnuson-Ste-
18 vens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (16
19 U.S.C. 1801 et seq.), if each of the Gulf coastal States
20 agrees to a fishery management plan, the Gulf coastal
21 States shall have exclusive authority to manage and con-
22 serve the red snapper in the waters of each Gulf coastal
23 State and the exclusive economic zone in the Gulf of Mex-
24 ico.

1 **SEC. 4. FUNDING.**

2 If each of the Gulf coastal States agrees to a fishery
3 management plan, the Secretary of Commerce shall pro-
4 vide appropriate funding to the Gulf coastal States to
5 carry out necessary stock assessments and data collection
6 related to the red snapper fishery in the Gulf of Mexico.

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