

## **A BILL**

To amend the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Convention Act of 1995, as amended, to implement the Amendment to the Convention on Future Multilateral Cooperation in the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries, adopted on September 28, 2007, at the twenty-ninth Annual Meeting of the North Atlantic Fisheries Organization, and for other purposes.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America  
in Congress assembled,*

### **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

This Act may be cited as the "Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Convention Amendments of 2014".

### **SEC. 2. REPRESENTATION OF THE UNITED STATES UNDER CONVENTION.**

Section 202 (16 U.S.C. § 5601) of the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Convention Act of 1995, as amended (P.L. 104-43, Title II, §§ 201-213, § 202; 16 U.S.C. §§ 5601 note -5612, § 5601), is amended—

- (1) by striking "General Council and the Fisheries" in paragraph (a)(1);
- (2) by striking "at a meeting of the General Council or the Fisheries Commission" in paragraph (b)(1);
- (3) by striking ", at any meeting of the General Council or the Fisheries Commission for which the Alternate Commissioner is designated" in paragraph (b)(2);
- (4) by striking "at a meeting of the Scientific Council" in paragraph (d)(1); and
- (5) by striking ", at any meeting of the Scientific Council for which the Alternative Representative is designated" in paragraph (d)(2).

### **SEC. 3. REQUESTS FOR SCIENTIFIC ADVICE.**

Section 203 (16 U.S.C. § 5602) of the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Convention Act of 1995, as amended (P.L. 104-43, Title II, § 203; 16 U.S.C. § 5602), is amended—

(1) by striking "VII(1)" where it occurs in paragraphs (b)(1) and (b)(2) and inserting "X";  
and

(2) by striking "VII(1)" and inserting "XI" in paragraph (b)(2).

#### **SEC. 4. AUTHORITIES OF SECRETARY OF STATE WITH RESPECT TO CONVENTION.**

Section 204 (16 U.S.C. § 5603) of the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Convention Act of 1995, as amended (P.L. 104-43, Title II, § 204; 16 U.S.C. §5603), is amended—

(1) by striking "Fisheries" and inserting "consistent with the procedures detailed in Articles XIV and XV of the Convention" after "Commission" in paragraph (2);

(2) by striking "Fisheries" and inserting "consistent with the procedures detailed in Articles XIV and XV of the Convention" after "Commission" in paragraph (3); and

(3) by inserting "consistent with the procedures detailed in Article XX of the Convention" after "Commission" in paragraph (4).

#### **SEC. 5. INTERAGENCY COOPERATION.**

Section 205 (16 U.S.C. § 5604) of the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Convention Act of 1995, as amended (P.L. 104-43, Title II, § 204; 16 U.S.C. §5604), is amended—

(1) by striking "Interagency Cooperation" in the title of the section, and inserting "Authorities of the Secretary and Other Federal Agencies";

(2) by striking the text of paragraph (a) and inserting after the heading the following:

"The Secretary may implement and carry out the Provisions of the Convention and this title, as necessary, including but not limited to the following:

"(1) arranging for cooperation with other agencies of the United States, the States, the New England and the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Councils, and private institutions and organizations; and

“(2) promulgating regulations, as may be necessary, to carry out the purposes and objectives of the Convention and this chapter. Any such regulation may be made applicable, as necessary, to all persons and all vessels subject to the jurisdiction of the United States, wherever located.”; and

(3) by striking “Other agencies” in the heading of paragraph (b) and inserting “Authorities of Other Federal Agencies”.

#### **SEC. 6. RULEMAKING.**

(a) Section 206 (16 U.S.C. § 5605) of the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Convention Act of 1995, as amended (P.L. 104-43, Title II, § 206; 16 U.S.C. § 5605), is deleted in its entirety.

(b) Sections 207 through 211 (16 U.S.C. §§ 5606 - 5610) of the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Convention Act of 1995, as amended (P.L. 104-43, Title II, §§ 206-211; 16 U.S.C. § 5606-5610), are renumbered as sections 206 through 210, respectively (16 U.S.C. § 5605-5609).

#### **SEC. 7. CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE.**

Former section 208, renumbered under section 6 of this act as section 207 (renumbered 16 U.S.C. § 5606) of the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Convention Act of 1995, as amended (P.L. 104-43, Title II, § 207; 16 U.S.C. § 5606), is amended by deleting “General Council or the Fisheries” where it appears in paragraphs (c)(1) and (c)(2).

#### **SEC. 8. DEFINITIONS.**

Former section 210, renumbered under section 6 of this act as section 209 (renumbered 16 U.S.C. § 5608) of the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Convention Act of 1995, as amended (P.L. 104-43, Title II, § 209; 16 U.S.C. § 5608), is amended—

- (1) by inserting “and amended on September 28, 2007” at the end of paragraph (3);
- (2) by striking paragraphs (4) and (5) and inserting the following:

**“(4) The Commission**

The term “Commission” refers to the body provided for by Articles V, VI, XIII, XIV, and XV of the Convention.”;

- (3) by renumbering paragraphs (6) through (11) as paragraphs (5) through (10), respectively;
- (4) by inserting “-Stevens” after “Magnuson” in paragraph (5);
- (5) by striking “II” and inserting “V” in paragraph (6);
- (6) by striking “II, VI, VII, VIII, IX, and X” and inserting “V, VI, and VII” in paragraph (9);
- and
- (7) by inserting at the end a new paragraph (11) as follows:

**“(11) Straddling Fish Stocks Agreement**

“The term “Straddling Fish Stocks Agreement” means the United Nations Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 Relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks.”.

**SEC. 9. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

Former section 211, renumbered under section 6 of this act as section 210 (renumbered 16 U.S.C. § 5609) of the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Convention Act of 1995, as amended (P.L. 104-43, Title II, § 210; 16 U.S.C. § 5609), is amended—

- (1) By inserting “such sums as may be necessary” after “appropriated”;
- (2) by striking “XVI” and inserting “IX”; and
- (3) by striking “, \$500,000 for each fiscal year through fiscal year 2006.”.

**SEC. 10. ANNUAL REPORT**

Section 212 (16 U.S.C. § 5611) of the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Convention Act of 1995, as amended (P.L. 104-43, Title II, § 212; 16 U.S.C. § 5611), is deleted in its entirety.

**SEC. 11. QUOTA ALLOCATION**

Section 213 (16 U.S.C. §5612) of the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Convention Act of 1995, as amended (P.L. 104-43, Title II, § 213; 16 U.S.C. § 5612), is deleted in its entirety.