



## H.R. 1335. The Strengthening Fishing Communities and Increasing Flexibility in Fisheries Management Act by Rep. Don Young (R-Alaska).

Three amendments will be considered on the House floor that would improve the bill. These include:

- An amendment by Rep. Wittman (R-Va.) that gives NOAA Fisheries the authority to implement management practices better tailored to the nature of recreational fishing.
- An amendment by Rep. Graves (R-La.) to transfer management of Gulf of Mexico red snapper to the five Gulf states, which are capable of sustainably managing this fishery while allowing for reasonable public access.
- An amendment by Rep. Young (R-Alaska) that will improve fisheries science by better incorporating data collected by anglers into management.

***Vote 'yes' on these three amendments, then 'yes' on H.R. 1335!***

H.R. 1335 advances saltwater recreational fisheries management. The current bill would benefit recreational fishing by:

- Prompting a transparent and science-based review of fishery allocations in the southeast.
- Providing limited exceptions for establishing annual catch limits to help ensure important fisheries aren't unnecessarily closed.
- Improving recreational data collection through greater involvement of the states.

*Saltwater recreational fishing has a \$70 billion impact on our nation's economy, supporting 454,000 jobs. Marinas, grocery stores, restaurants, motels, lodges, tackle shops, boat dealerships, clothing manufacturers, gas stations and a host of other businesses and entities benefit from the dollars spent by recreational anglers in pursuit of their sport.*