



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.