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**AMENDMENT OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE HUFFMAN TO
THE AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE TO H.R. 4587**

On page 3, strike lines 6 through 16, and insert:

“(b) DECREASING RED SNAPPER MORTALITY FROM OUT-OF-SEASON ENCOUNTERS AND DISCARDS.—1 year after the enactment of this Act and subject to Section 308(a) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act ((16 U.S.C. 1858(a)), it shall be unlawful for any person on board a commercial or recreational vessel to fish for reef fish in the South Atlantic Exclusive Economic Zone without possessing on board the vessel a venting tool or a descending device (as those terms are defined in Section 321 of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1870)) that is rigged and ready for use while fishing is occurring.

“(c) MATERIALS.—The Secretary of Commerce, in coordination with the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council, shall develop and disseminate to commercial and recreational fishermen for South Atlantic reef fish (which, for the purpose of this Act shall include charter fishing) education and outreach materials related to the proper use of venting tools and descending devices, and strongly encourage their use by fishermen when releasing fish that are exhibiting signs of barotrauma.”.