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# S. 1521

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 18, 2013

Ms. MURKOWSKI introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

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## 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 “Responsible Seafood  
5 Certification and Labeling Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON SEAFOOD SUSTAINABILITY CER-**  
7 **TIFICATION REQUIREMENTS.**

8 (a) PROHIBITION.—No executive agency may—

1           (1) require or reference a certificate of sustain-  
2           ability, or otherwise identify as sustainable, based on  
3           criteria or standards developed by a third party non-  
4           governmental organization in awarding a contract  
5           for—

6                   (A) the procurement of fish or seafood; or

7                   (B) concessions or vending, including the  
8           sale of fish or seafood; or

9           (2) endorse the use of any label, standard, or  
10          other scheme to certify fish or seafood as sustainable  
11          based on criteria or standards developed by a third  
12          party nongovernmental organization.

13          (b) EXECUTIVE AGENCY DEFINED.—In this section,  
14          the term “executive agency” has the meaning given that  
15          term in section 133 of title 41, United States Code.

16          (c) EFFECT ON REGULATIONS.—No rule, regulation,  
17          or guideline issued by an executive agency, including the  
18          Department of Health and Human Services, that requires  
19          or recommends that fish or seafood be certified as sustain-  
20          able by a third party nongovernmental organization shall  
21          have any force or effect, including any rule, regulation,  
22          or guideline issued prior to the date of the enactment of  
23          this Act.

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