

Calendar No. 724118TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION**S. 3879**

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 6, 2024

Mr. CRUZ (for himself, Mr. TUBERVILLE, and Mrs. BRITT) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

DECEMBER 18 (legislative day, DECEMBER 16), 2024

Reported by Ms. CANTWELL, with an amendment

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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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Illegal Red Snapper
3 Enforcement Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. METHODOLOGY FOR IDENTIFYING THE COUNTRY**
5 **OF ORIGIN OF RED SNAPPER IMPORTED**
6 **INTO THE UNITED STATES.**

7 (a) **DEFINITIONS.**—In this section:

8 (1) **ADMINISTRATOR.**—The term “Adminis-
9 trator” means the Administrator of the National
10 Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

11 (2) **APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CON-**
12 **GRESS.**—The term “appropriate committees of Con-
13 gress” means—

14 (A) the Committee on Commerce, Science,
15 and Transportation of the Senate; and

16 (B) the Committee on Transportation and
17 Infrastructure and the Committee on Natural
18 Resources of the House of Representatives.

19 (3) **UNDER SECRETARY.**—The term “Under
20 Secretary” means the Under Secretary of Commerce
21 for Standards and Technology and the Director of
22 the National Institute of Standards and Technology.

23 (b) **STANDARD METHODOLOGY FOR IDENTIFICA-**
24 **TION.**—The Under Secretary and the Administrator, in
25 consultation with the Commissioner of U.S. Customs and
26 Border Protection and the Commandant of the Coast

1 Guard, shall jointly develop a standard methodology based
2 on chemical analysis for identifying the country of origin
3 of red snapper imported into the United States that—

4 (1) is consistent with the needs of Federal and
5 State law enforcement agencies in combating illegal,
6 unreported, and unregulated fishing;

7 (2) minimizes processing time; and

8 (3) involves the use of a field kit that can be
9 easily carried by one individual.

10 (c) REPORT.—Not later 2 years after the date of the
11 enactment of this Act, the Under Secretary shall submit
12 to the appropriate committees of Congress a report that
13 includes the following:

14 (1) A summary of the methodology developed
15 under subsection (b).

16 (2) A plan for operationalizing the methodology.

17 (3) Recommendations for further research on
18 identification methods, including other potential ap-
19 plications of the methodology.

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24 *Guard, shall jointly develop a standard methodology based*
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26 *of red snapper imported into the United States that—*

1 *ing (commonly known as “IUU fishing”) and other*
2 *transnational organized crime. Such technical assistance*
3 *may include providing observers, shipriders, and special-*
4 *ized personnel to deploy with such maritime forces, in addi-*
5 *tion to remote sensing, analysis of data, and operational*
6 *intelligence, as appropriate and consistent with United*
7 *States law and policy.*

8 **(b) APPLICATION OF AUTHORITY.**—*The authority pro-*
9 *vided under subsection (a) shall apply to the use of the*
10 *United States Coast Guard members deployed to and oper-*
11 *ating aboard Department of Defense, partner nation, or*
12 *international partner platforms, as well as partner nation*
13 *personnel operating aboard United States military and*
14 *Coast Guard assets or international partner vessels, as ap-*
15 *propriate.*

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