

**HR 11 - AS INTRODUCED**

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HOUSE RESOLUTION      ***11***

A RESOLUTION      requesting the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and Congress to relax rules on Atlantic states recreational fishing.

SPONSORS:            Rep. Abramson, Rock 20; Rep. D. Sweeney, Rock 20; Rep. F. Rice, Rock 21; Rep. Peckham, Rock 22; Rep. Abrami, Rock 19; Rep. Beaudoin, Straf 9; Rep. Wood, Rock 21; Rep. Emerick, Rock 21

COMMITTEE:          State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs

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ANALYSIS

This house resolution requests the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the United States Congress to relax rules on Atlantic fisheries and to keep recreational fishing open during the busiest season each year.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

*In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Fifteen*

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1       Whereas, New Hampshire's small, family-owned charter boat operators, recreational fishermen,  
2       tourism industry, towns, and related businesses are being adversely impacted by "catch-share" rules,  
3       onerous regulations, and additional permits; and

4       Whereas, new rules by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) have  
5       placed severe restrictions on New Hampshire's charter boat operators and would unduly restrict  
6       recreational fishing for either cod or haddock during some of the busy spring season; and

7       Whereas, the latest data reported by the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) has shown  
8       that overfishing of haddock is not occurring presently; and

9       Whereas, the entire fleet of charter boats taking clients out for recreational fishing take less than  
10       a single commercial gill net fishing vessel in one season; and

11       Whereas, this closure jeopardizes the livelihood of these businesses and our local shops, inns,  
12       hotels, grocers, coops, craft stores, and restaurants from the loss of tourists and fishermen who  
13       consequently decide against travel to New Hampshire; now, therefore, be it

14       Resolved by the House of Representatives:

15       That the New Hampshire house of representatives hereby requests the National Oceanic and  
16       Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to relax recent regulations in light of their impact on our  
17       state's economy and self sufficiency, and in light of the most recent data from the National Marine  
18       Fisheries Service (NMFS); and

19       That the New Hampshire house of representatives hereby requests Congress to investigate every  
20       reasonable means to keep recreational fishing open during the busiest season each year; and

21       That copies of this resolution be sent by the house clerk to the National Oceanic and  
22       Atmospheric Administration and to each member of the New Hampshire congressional delegation.