

106TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 4408

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 27, 2000

Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science,
and Transportation

AN ACT

To reauthorize the Atlantic Striped Bass Conservation Act.

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. REAUTHORIZATION OF ATLANTIC STRIPED**
2 **BASS CONSERVATION ACT.**

3 Section 7(a) of the Atlantic Striped Bass Conserva-
4 tion Act (16 U.S.C. 1851 note) is amended to read as
5 follows:

6 “(a) AUTHORIZATION.—For each of fiscal years
7 2001, 2002, and 2003, there are authorized to be appro-
8 priated to carry out this Act—

9 “(1) \$1,000,000 to the Secretary of Commerce;

10 and

11 “(2) \$250,000 to the Secretary of the Inte-
12 rior.”.

13 **SEC. 2. POPULATION STUDY OF STRIPED BASS.**

14 (a) STUDY.—The Secretaries (as that term is defined
15 in the Atlantic Striped Bass Conservation Act), in con-
16 sultation with the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Com-
17 mission, shall conduct a study to determine if the distribu-
18 tion of year classes in the Atlantic striped bass population
19 is appropriate for maintaining adequate recruitment and
20 sustainable fishing opportunities. In conducting the study,
21 the Secretaries shall consider—

22 (1) long-term stock assessment data and other
23 fishery-dependent and independent data for Atlantic
24 striped bass; and

25 (2) the results of peer-reviewed research funded
26 under the Atlantic Striped Bass Conservation Act.

1 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date
2 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretaries, in consulta-
3 tion with the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commis-
4 sion, shall submit to the Committee on Resources of the
5 House of Representatives the results of the study and a
6 long-term plan to ensure a balanced and healthy popu-
7 lation structure of Atlantic striped bass, including older
8 fish. The report shall include information regarding—

9 (1) the structure of the Atlantic striped bass
10 population required to maintain adequate recruit-
11 ment and sustainable fishing opportunities; and

12 (2) recommendations for measures necessary to
13 achieve and maintain the population structure de-
14 scribed in paragraph (1).

15 (c) AUTHORIZATION.—There are authorized to be ap-
16 propriated to the Secretary of Commerce \$250,000 to
17 carry out this section.

Passed the House of Representatives June 26, 2000.

Attest:

JEFF TRANDAHL,

Clerk.