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S. 713

To amend the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to add Rhode Island to the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 11, 2013

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

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A BILL

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the ''Rhode Island Fishermen's Fairness Act''.

SEC. 2. FINDINGS.

Congress makes the following findings:

(1) Rhode Island fishermen participate in fisheries managed by the New England Fishery Man-

agement Council (hereinafter referred to as the "NEFMC") and the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (hereinafter referred to as the "MAFMC").

(2) Rhode Island currently has voting membership on the NEFMC under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act but does not have voting membership on the MAFMC.

(3) Rhode Island lands more MAFMC-managed stocks than any other MAFMC member except the State of New Jersey.

(4) A higher percentage of Rhode Island's commercial landings (by weight or value) traditionally have come from species that are managed by the MAFMC as compared to species managed by NEFMC.

(5) MAFMC has found that Rhode Island's circumstance parallels that of Florida and North Carolina, which each have voting membership on two different fishery management councils.

SEC. 3. ADDITION OF RHODE ISLAND TO THE MID-ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL.

Section 302(a)(1)(B) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1852(a)(1)(B)) is amended—

(1) by inserting ''Rhode Island,'' after ''States of'';

(2) by inserting ''Rhode Island,'' after ''except North Carolina,'';

(3) by striking ''21'' and inserting ''23''; and

(4) by striking ''13'' and inserting ''14''.

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