

115TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 2504

To ensure fair treatment in licensing requirements for the export of certain
echinoderms.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 17, 2017

Ms. PINGREE (for herself and Mr. POLIQUIN) introduced the following bill;
which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition
to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, for a period to be subsequently
determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions
as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

To ensure fair treatment in licensing requirements for the
export of certain echinoderms.

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. EXEMPTION OF EXPORTATION OF CERTAIN**
4 **ECHINODERMS FROM PERMISSION AND LI-**
5 **CENSING REQUIREMENTS.**

6 (a) EXEMPTION.—Not later than 30 days after the
7 date of the enactment of this Act, the Director of the
8 United States Fish and Wildlife Service shall amend sec-

tion 14.92 of title 50, Code of Federal Regulations, to clarify that—

(1) fish or wildlife described in subsection (b) are fishery products exempt from the export permission requirements of section 9(d)(1) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1538(d)(1)); and

(2) any person may engage in business as an exporter of such fish or wildlife without procuring permission under such section of that Act or an export license under subpart I of part 14 of such title.

(b) COVERED FISH OR WILDLIFE.—The fish or wildlife referred to in subsection (a) are members of the phylum Echinodermata that are commonly known as sea urchins and sea cucumbers, including products thereof, that—

(1) do not require a permit under part 16, 17, or 23 of title 50, Code of Federal Regulations;

(2) are harvested in waters under the jurisdiction of the United States or are processed in the United States; and

(3) are—

(A) exported for purposes of human or animal consumption; or

1 (B) taken in waters under the jurisdiction
2 of the United States or on the high seas for
3 recreational purposes.

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