

**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE  
TO H.R. 1240  
OFFERED BY MR. GRIJALVA OF ARIZONA**

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

**1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Young Fishermen’s  
3 Development Act”.

**4 SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

5 In this Act:

6 (1) SEA GRANT INSTITUTION.—The term “Sea  
7 Grant Institution” means a sea grant college or sea  
8 grant institute, as those terms are defined in section  
9 203 of the National Sea Grant College Program Act  
10 (33 U.S.C. 1122).

11 (2) TRIBAL ORGANIZATION.—The term “Tribal  
12 organization” has the meaning given the term “trib-  
13 al organization” in section 4 of the Indian Self-De-  
14 termination and Education Assistance Act (25  
15 U.S.C. 5304).

16 (3) YOUNG FISHERMAN.—The term “young  
17 fisherman” means an individual who—

1 (A) desires to participate in the commer-  
2 cial fisheries of the United States, including the  
3 Great Lakes fisheries;

4 (B) has worked as a captain, crew mem-  
5 ber, or deckhand on a commercial fishing vessel  
6 for not more than 10 years of cumulative serv-  
7 ice;

8 (C) is a beginning commercial fisherman;  
9 or

10 (D) is less than 35 years of age.

11 **SEC. 3. ESTABLISHMENT OF PROGRAM.**

12 The Secretary of Commerce, acting through the Na-  
13 tional Sea Grant Office, shall establish a program to pro-  
14 vide training, education, outreach, and technical assist-  
15 ance initiatives for young fishermen, to be known as the  
16 “Young Fishermen’s Development Grant Program” (re-  
17 ferred to in this section as the “Program”).

18 **SEC. 4. GRANTS.**

19 (a) IN GENERAL.—In carrying out the Program, the  
20 Secretary shall make competitive grants to support new  
21 and established local and regional training, education, out-  
22 reach, and technical assistance initiatives for young fisher-  
23 men, including programs, workshops, and services relating  
24 to—

1           (1) seamanship, navigation, electronics, and  
2           safety;

3           (2) vessel and engine care, maintenance, and  
4           repair;

5           (3) innovative conservation fishing gear engi-  
6           neering and technology;

7           (4) sustainable fishing practices;

8           (5) entrepreneurship and good business prac-  
9           tices;

10          (6) direct marketing, supply chain, and  
11          traceability;

12          (7) financial and risk management, including  
13          vessel, permit, and quota purchasing;

14          (8) State and Federal legal requirements for  
15          specific fisheries, including reporting, monitoring, li-  
16          censes, and regulations;

17          (9) State and Federal fisheries policy and man-  
18          agement;

19          (10) mentoring, apprenticeships, or internships;  
20          and

21          (11) any other activities, opportunities, or pro-  
22          grams, as the Secretary determines appropriate.

23          (b) ELIGIBILITY.—

24           (1) APPLICANTS.—To be eligible to receive a  
25          grant under the Program, a recipient shall be a col-

1 laborative State, Tribal, local, or regionally based  
2 network or partnership of public or private entities,  
3 which may include—

4 (A) a Sea Grant Institution;

5 (B) a Federal or State agency or a Tribal  
6 organization;

7 (C) a community-based nongovernmental  
8 organization;

9 (D) fishermen's cooperatives or associa-  
10 tions;

11 (E) an institution of higher education (in-  
12 cluding an institution awarding an associate's  
13 degree), or a foundation maintained by an insti-  
14 tution of higher education; or

15 (F) any other appropriate entity, as the  
16 Secretary determines appropriate.

17 (2) PARTICIPANTS.—All young fishermen seek-  
18 ing to participate in the commercial fisheries of the  
19 United States and the Great Lakes are eligible to  
20 participate in the activities funded through grants  
21 provided for in this section, except that participants  
22 in such activities shall be selected by each grant re-  
23 cipient.

24 (c) MAXIMUM TERM AND AMOUNT OF GRANT.—

1           (1) IN GENERAL.—A grant under this section  
2 shall—

3           (A) have a term of no more than 3 fiscal  
4 years; and

5           (B) be in an amount that is not more than  
6 \$200,000 for each fiscal year.

7           (2) CONSECUTIVE GRANTS.—An eligible recipi-  
8 ent may receive consecutive grants under this sec-  
9 tion.

10          (d) MATCHING REQUIREMENT.—To be eligible to re-  
11 ceive a grant under this section, a recipient shall provide  
12 a match in the form of cash or in-kind contributions from  
13 the recipient in the amount equal to or greater than 25  
14 percent of the funds provided by the grant.

15          (e) REGIONAL BALANCE.—In making grants under  
16 this section, the Secretary shall, to the maximum extent  
17 practicable, ensure geographic diversity.

18          (f) COOPERATION AND EVALUATION CRITERIA.—In  
19 carrying out this section and in developing criteria for  
20 evaluating grant applications, the Secretary shall consult,  
21 to the maximum extent practicable, with—

22           (1) Sea Grant Institutions and extension agents  
23 of such institutions;

24           (2) community-based nongovernmental fishing  
25 organizations;

1           (3) Federal and State agencies, including Re-  
2           gional Fishery Management Councils established  
3           under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation  
4           and Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1851 et seq.);

5           (4) institutions of higher education with fish-  
6           eries expertise and programs; and

7           (5) partners, as the Secretary determines.

8           (g) PROHIBITION.—A grant under this section may  
9           not be used to purchase any fishing license, permit, quota,  
10          or other harvesting right.

11   **SEC. 5. FUNDING.**

12          Of the amount made available to the Secretary of  
13          Commerce under section 311(e) of the Magnuson-Stevens  
14          Fishery Conservation and Management Act (16 U.S.C.  
15          1861(e)) for each of fiscal years 2021 through 2025, the  
16          Secretary shall use \$2,000,000 to carry out section 4 of  
17          this Act.

