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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 4, 2025

Mr. BABIN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, 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

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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. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Standards for Under-
3 standing Source and Habitat Identification Act” or the
4 “SUSHI Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. METHODOLOGY FOR IDENTIFYING THE COUNTRY**
6 **OF ORIGIN OF SEAFOOD.**

7 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

8 (1) ADMINISTRATOR.—The term “Adminis-
9 trator” means the Administrator of the National
10 Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

11 (2) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CON-
12 GRESS.—The term “appropriate committees of Con-
13 gress” means—

14 (A) the Committee on Commerce, Science,
15 and Transportation of the Senate; and

16 (B) the Committee on Science, Space, and
17 Technology, the Committee on Transportation
18 and Infrastructure, and the Committee on Nat-
19 ural Resources of the House of Representatives.

20 (3) KEY AGENCY LEADERSHIP.—The term “key
21 agency leadership” means the Administrator and the
22 Under Secretary, in consultation with the Commis-
23 sioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection and
24 the Commandant of the Coast Guard.

25 (4) RED SNAPPER.—The term “red snapper”
26 means the species *Lutjanus campechanus*.

1 (5) TUNA.—The term “tuna” means the fol-
2 lowing species of tuna:

3 (A) Bigeye tuna (*Thunnus obesus*).

4 (B) Yellowfin tuna (*Thunnus albacares*).

5 (C) Bluefin tuna (*Thunnus thynnus*).

6 (6) UNDER SECRETARY.—The term “Under
7 Secretary” means the Under Secretary of Commerce
8 for Standards and Technology.

9 (b) STANDARD METHODOLOGY FOR IDENTIFICA-
10 TION.—

11 (1) IN GENERAL.—Key agency leadership shall
12 jointly develop a standard methodology, based on
13 chemical analysis, for identifying the country of ori-
14 gin of seafood to support enforcement against un-
15 lawful, unreported, and unregulated fishing.

16 (2) REQUIREMENTS.—Key agency leadership
17 shall ensure that the methodology developed under
18 this subsection—

19 (A) is consistent with the needs of Federal
20 and State law enforcement agencies in com-
21 bating unlawful, unreported, and unregulated
22 fishing;

23 (B) minimizes processing time;

24 (C) involves the use of a field kit that can
25 be easily carried by one individual; and

1 (D) to the extent practicable, can be used
2 to test prepared food, including raw prepara-
3 tions of seafood, such as ceviche, sashimi, sushi,
4 and poke.

5 (3) INITIAL SPECIES FOR IDENTIFICATION.—In
6 developing the methodology under this subsection,
7 key agency leadership shall conduct pilot studies on
8 red snapper, as an example of a stationary stock,
9 and tuna, as an example of a highly migratory stock.

10 (c) REPORT.—Not later than 2 years after the date
11 of the enactment of this Act, the Under Secretary shall
12 submit to the appropriate committees of Congress a report
13 that includes the following:

14 (1) A summary of the methodology developed
15 under subsection (b).

16 (2) A plan for operationalizing such method-
17 ology.

18 (3) If the Under Secretary determines any as-
19 pect of such methodology is impractical, an expla-
20 nation relating thereto, whether additional research
21 would make developing such a methodology prac-
22 ticable, and whether a different approach other than
23 chemical analysis might be practicable.

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