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2D SESSION

# H. R. 5103

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

DECEMBER 4, 2024

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

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## AN ACT

To require the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to approve or deny spend plans within a certain amount of time, and for other purposes.

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 “Fishery Improvement  
3 to Streamline untimely regulatory Hurdles post Emer-  
4 gency Situation Act” or the “FISHES Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. SPEND PLANS.**

6 Section 312(a)(6) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery  
7 Conservation and Management Act (16 U.S.C.  
8 1861a(a)(6)) is amended—

9 (1) in subparagraph (D), to read as follows:

10 “(D) SPEND PLANS.—

11 “(i) IN GENERAL.—To receive an allo-  
12 cation from funds available under para-  
13 graph (9), a requester with an affirmative  
14 fishery resource disaster determination  
15 shall submit a spend plan to the Secretary,  
16 not more than 120 days after receiving no-  
17 tification that funds are available, that  
18 shall include the following information, if  
19 applicable:

20 “(I) Objectives and outcomes,  
21 with an emphasis on addressing the  
22 factors contributing to the fishery re-  
23 source disaster and minimizing future  
24 uninsured losses, if applicable.

25 “(II) Statement of work.

26 “(III) Budget details.

1 “(ii) REVIEW.—

2 “(I) IN GENERAL.—The Sec-  
3 retary shall review a spend plan sub-  
4 mitted under clause (i) to determine if  
5 it is complete and provide notice with-  
6 in 10 days.

7 “(II) INCOMPLETE SPEND  
8 PLAN.—If the Secretary determines  
9 that a spend plan submitted under  
10 clause (i) is not complete, when pro-  
11 viding the notice required by sub-  
12 clause (I), the Secretary shall provide  
13 a detailed description of the informa-  
14 tion that is necessary for the spend  
15 plan to be determined complete.”; and

16 (2) in subparagraph (F)(i), to read as follows:

17 “(i) AVAILABILITY.—

18 “(I) TIMELINE.—Funds shall be  
19 made available to grantees not later  
20 than 90 days after the date the Sec-  
21 retary receives a complete spend plan.

22 “(II) REVIEW OF COMPLETED  
23 SPEND PLAN AND APPORTIONMENT  
24 OF FUNDS.—If so requested, the Di-  
25 rector of the Office of Management

1 and Budget may review a completed  
2 spend plan concurrently with the Sec-  
3 retary. The Director of the Office of  
4 Management and Budget may not  
5 delay the timeline described in sub-  
6 clause (I).”.

Passed the House of Representatives December 3,  
2024.

Attest: KEVIN F. MCCUMBER,  
*Clerk.*