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# H. R. 1013

To amend the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to provide the New England Fishery Management Council additional resources to address research and monitoring priorities established by the Council.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 10, 2011

Mr. KEATING introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on Natural Resources

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## A BILL

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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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Strengthen Fisheries  
5 Management in New England Act of 2011”.

1 **SEC. 2. PURPOSE.**

2       The purpose of this Act is to strengthen and improve  
3 fisheries research (including cooperative research) and  
4 monitoring in the waters off New England by providing  
5 the New England Fishery Management Council additional  
6 resources to address research and monitoring priorities es-  
7 tablished by the Council.

8 **SEC. 3. ASSET FORFEITURE FUND.**

9       Section 311(e) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery  
10 Conservation and Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1861(e))  
11 is amended—

12           (1) in paragraph (1), by inserting “and except  
13 as provided in paragraph (2)” before the first  
14 comma;

15           (2) by redesignating paragraph (2) as para-  
16 graph (3); and

17           (3) by inserting after paragraph (1) the fol-  
18 lowing new paragraph:

19           “(2) The Secretary or the Secretary of the  
20 Treasury shall make available to the New England  
21 Fishery Management Council, on an annual basis,  
22 all sums received by the United States as fines, pen-  
23 alties, and forfeitures of property for violations of  
24 any provision of this Act or any other marine re-  
25 source law enforced by the Secretary from violations  
26 occurring in the area over which the Council exer-

1 cises fishery management jurisdiction, to fund re-  
2 search (including cooperative research) and moni-  
3 toring priorities established by the Council includ-  
4 ing—

5 “(A) fishery research and independent  
6 stock assessments, including cooperative re-  
7 search;

8 “(B) conservation gear engineering;

9 “(C) at-sea and shoreside monitoring;

10 “(D) fishery impact statements; and

11 “(E) other priorities established by the  
12 Council as necessary to rebuild or maintain sus-  
13 tainable fisheries, ensure healthy ecosystems,  
14 and maintain fishing communities.”.

15 **SEC. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

16 The amendments made by the Act shall apply with  
17 respect to sums received on or after the date of enactment  
18 of this Act.

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