

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 119-

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Add at the end of subtitle D of title XII the following:

1 SEC. 124__ . CERTAIN FRESHWATER FISHERIES ELIGIBLE
2 FOR FISHERY RESOURCE DISASTER RELIEF.

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 312(a) of the Magnuson-
4 Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (16
5 U.S.C. 1861a(a)) is amended—

6 (1) in paragraph (1)—

7 (A) in subparagraph (A), by inserting “in-
8 frastructure-related cause,” after “discrete an-
9 thropogenic cause,”;

10 (B) by redesignating subparagraphs (E)
11 through (G) as subparagraphs (F) through (H),
12 respectively; and

13 (C) by inserting after subparagraph (D)
14 the following:

15 “(E) INFRASTRUCTURE-RELATED
16 CAUSE.—The term ‘infrastructure-related
17 cause’ means an event—

1 “(i) caused by the operation or failure
2 of Federal or State infrastructure, includ-
3 ing—

4 “(I) flood control systems;

5 “(II) spillways;

6 “(III) levees; and

7 “(IV) diversions; and

8 “(ii) that results in measurable dis-
9 ruption to commercial or subsistence fish-
10 ery activity, aquatic habitat, or water qual-
11 ity.”;

12 (2) in paragraph (2)(A), by inserting “, includ-
13 ing with respect to the red swamp crawfish
14 (*Procambarus clarkii*) and white river crawfish
15 (*Procambarus zonangulus*) fisheries” after “in ac-
16 cordance with this subsection”;

17 (3) in paragraph (3)(B)(v)—

18 (A) in subclause (III), by striking “and” at
19 the end;

20 (B) in subclause (IV), by striking the pe-
21 riod at the end and inserting “; and”; and

22 (C) by adding at the end the following:

23 “(V) with respect to the red swamp craw-
24 fish (*Procambarus clarkii*) and white river
25 crawfish (*Procambarus zonangulus*) fisheries,

1 information related to hydrological conditions,
2 water quality degradation, extreme flooding or
3 drought, or other environmental disruptions
4 that directly impact viability.”; and

5 (4) in paragraph (5)—

6 (A) in subparagraph (A)—

7 (i) by redesignating clauses (iii) and
8 (iv) as clauses (iv) and (v), respectively;

9 (ii) by inserting after clause (ii) the
10 following:

11 “(iii) an infrastructure-related
12 cause;”; and

13 (iii) in clause (iv), as so redesignated,
14 by striking “a combination of a natural
15 cause and an anthropogenic cause” and in-
16 serting “any combination of clauses (i)
17 through (iii)”;

18 (B) in subparagraph (D), by striking “and
19 safety,” and inserting “and safety, and includ-
20 ing a disaster affecting the red swamp crawfish
21 (*Procambarus clarkii*) and white river crawfish
22 (*Procambarus zonangulus*) fisheries.”.

23 (b) **RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.**—Nothing in this sec-
24 tion may be construed to limit, reduce, or otherwise affect
25 the eligibility of any marine or anadromous fishery for

1 fishery resource disaster assistance under section 312 of
2 the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Manage-
3 ment Act (16 U.S.C. 1861a).

