

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 200, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MR. ROYCE OF CALIFORNIA**

Add at the end the following:

1 **TITLE _____—PROHIBITION ON**
2 **SALE OF SHARK FINS**

3 **SEC. __01. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This title may be cited as the “Shark Fin Sales
5 Elimination Act of 2018”.

6 **SEC. __02. PROHIBITION ON SALE OF SHARK FINS.**

7 (a) PROHIBITION.—Except as provided in section
8 __03, no person shall possess with intent to sell, offer for
9 sale, sell, transport, or purchase any shark fin or product
10 containing any shark fin.

11 (b) PENALTY.—For purposes of section 308(a) of the
12 Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Manage-
13 ment Act (16 U.S.C. 1858(a)), a violation of this section
14 shall be treated as an act prohibited by section 307 of
15 that Act (16 U.S.C. 1857).

16 **SEC. __03. EXEMPTION FOR TRADITIONAL FISHERIES, EDU-**
17 **CATION, AND SCIENCE.**

18 Section __02 shall not apply with respect to—

19 (1) possession of a shark fin that was taken
20 lawfully under a State, territorial, or Federal license

1 or permit to take or land sharks, if the shark fin is
2 separated from the shark in a manner consistent
3 with the license or permit and is—

4 (A) destroyed or discarded;

5 (B) used for noncommercial subsistence
6 purposes in accordance with State or territorial
7 law; or

8 (C) used solely for display or research pur-
9 poses by a museum, college, or university, or
10 other person under a State or Federal permit to
11 conduct noncommercial scientific research; or

12 (2) any fresh or frozen raw fin or tail of the
13 species *Mustelus canis* (smooth dogfish) or *Squalus*
14 *acanthias* (spiny dogfish).

15 **SEC. __04. DEFINITIONS.**

16 In this title:

17 (1) SHARK.—The term “shark” means any spe-
18 cies of the orders Pristiophoriformes, Squatini-
19 formes, Squaliformes, Hexanchiformes, Lamni-
20 formes, Carchariformes, Orectolobiformes, and
21 Heterodontiformes.

22 (2) SHARK FIN.—The term “shark fin” means
23 the raw, dried, or otherwise processed detached fin,
24 or the raw, dried, or otherwise processed detached
25 tail, of a shark.

1 **SEC. __05. STATE AUTHORITY.**

2 Nothing in this title affects any right of a State or
3 territory of the United States to adopt or enforce any reg-
4 ulation or standard that is more stringent than a regula-
5 tion or standard in effect under this title.

