

Support H.R. 200

What's Good in H.R. 200 for Recreational Fishermen

The recreational fishing and boating community strongly supports H.R. 200, because the provisions of H.R. 2023/S. 1520, the Modernizing Recreational Fisheries Management Act (Modern Fish Act), were added into the bill during the House Natural Resources Committee markup on Dec. 13, 2017. Specific provisions of H.R. 200 supported by a broad coalition of recreational fishing and boating organizations include:

- Requiring managers in the southeastern U.S. to perform long-overdue examinations of fishery allocations, based on modern criteria (Sec. 202).
- Allowing for recreational fisheries to be managed using more appropriate management tools (Sec. 203).
- Modifying the annual catch limit requirement to allow for more adaptive approaches (Sec. 204).
- Limiting the spread of catch share programs that have negatively impacted anglers and fishing communities (Secs. 205 and 206).
- Promoting consideration of new data collection methods that could improve fisheries management and conservation (Secs. 207 and 208).
- Ensuring exempted fishing permits help fisheries management and conservation—rather than the status quo which can hinder both (Sec. 304).
- Allowing for improved science and management of the Gulf of Mexico red snapper fishery (Sec. 306).

Supporting Organizations Include:



Why H.R. 200 Matters:

11 MILLION

Saltwater recreational anglers in the United States.

439,242

American jobs supported by saltwater recreational anglers, including thousands of manufacturing and supply jobs in non-coastal states.

\$63.4 BILLION

Annual economic impact by saltwater recreational anglers.

\$1.3 BILLION

Contributed annually by anglers and boaters through excise taxes and licensing fees, most of which goes towards conservation, boating safety and infrastructure, and habitat restoration.

