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Edward J. Markey

AMENDMENT NO. _____ Calendar No. _____

Purpose: To authorize a report on efforts by the Regional Fishery Management Councils, the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission, and the National Marine Fisheries Service to prepare and adapt to the impacts of climate change.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—116th Cong., 1st Sess.

S. 2346

To improve the Fishery Resource Disaster Relief program of the National Marine Fisheries Service, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on _____ and
ordered to be printed

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AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by himself and Mr. Blumenthal

Viz:

1 At the end of section 5, add the following:

2 (e) REPORT ON EFFORTS TO PREPARE AND ADAPT

3 UNITED STATES FISHERY MANAGEMENT FOR THE IM-

4 PACTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 2 years after

6 the date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller

7 General of the United States shall submit a report

8 to Congress examining efforts by the Regional Fish-

9 ery Management Councils, the Atlantic States Ma-

10 rine Fisheries Commission, and the National Marine

1 Fisheries Service to prepare and adapt to the im-
2 pacts of climate change.

3 (2) CONTENTS OF STUDY.—The report required
4 under paragraph (1) shall include—

5 (A) an examination of current or previous
6 efforts (including the 2016 GAO Report on
7 Federal Fisheries Management), and whether
8 those efforts have resulted in changes to man-
9 agement, by the Regional Fishery Management
10 Councils, the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries
11 Commission, and the National Marine Fisheries
12 Service to prepare and adapt Federal and joint-
13 ly managed fisheries for the impacts of climate
14 change;

15 (B) an examination of any guidance issued
16 to the Regional Fishery Management Councils
17 by the National Marine Fisheries Service to
18 prepare and adapt Federal fishery management
19 for the impacts of climate change and whether
20 and how that guidance has been utilized;

21 (C) identification of and recommendations
22 for how best to address the most significant
23 economic, social, ecological, or other knowledge
24 gaps, as well as key funding gaps, that would
25 increase the ability of the Regional Fishery

1 Management Councils, the Atlantic States Ma-
2 rine Fisheries Commission, or the National Ma-
3 rine Fisheries Service to prepare and adapt
4 fishery management for the impacts of climate
5 change;

6 (D) recommendations for how the Regional
7 Fishery Management Councils, the Atlantic
8 States Marine Fisheries Commission, and the
9 National Marine Fisheries Service can better
10 adapt fishery management and prepare associ-
11 ated fishing industries and dependent commu-
12 nities for the impacts of climate change; and

13 (E) recommendations for how to enhance
14 the capacity of the National Marine Fisheries
15 Service to monitor climate-related changes to
16 fisheries and marine ecosystems, to understand
17 the mechanisms of change, to evaluate risks
18 and priorities, to provide forecasts and projec-
19 tions of future conditions, to communicate sei-
20 entific advice, and to better manage fisheries
21 under changing conditions due to climate
22 change.