



AMENDMENT NO. _____ Calendar No. _____

Purpose: To enhance the work of the North Pacific Research Board.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—118th Cong., 2d Sess.

S. 4579

To reauthorize the Northwest Straits Marine Conservation Initiative Act to promote the protection of the resources of the Northwest Straits, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on _____ and ordered to be printed

Ordered to lie on the table and to be printed

AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by _____

Viz:

1 At the end, add the following:

2 **SEC. 3. NORTH PACIFIC RESEARCH BOARD ENHANCEMENT.**

3 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This section may be cited as the
4 “North Pacific Research Board Enhancement Act”.

5 (b) NORTH PACIFIC RESEARCH BOARD ENHANCE-
6 MENT.—Section 401(e) of Public Law 105–83 (111 Stat.
7 1608; 43 U.S.C. 1474d) is amended—

8 (1) in paragraph (3)—

9 (A) in subparagraph (L), by striking

10 “and” after the semicolon;

1 (B) in subparagraph (M), by striking the
2 period at the end and inserting a semicolon;

3 (C) in subparagraph (N), by striking the
4 period at the end and inserting “; and”;

5 (D) by inserting after subparagraph (N)
6 the following:

7 “(O) one member who shall represent Alaska
8 Natives and possesses personal knowledge of, and di-
9 rect experience with, subsistence uses and shall be
10 nominated by the Board and appointed by the Sec-
11 retary.”; and

12 (E) by adding at the end the following:

13 “Board members appointed under subpara-
14 graphs (N) and (O) shall serve for 3-year
15 terms, and may be reappointed once.”; and

16 (2) in paragraph (4)(B), by striking “Not more
17 than 15 percent of the funds provided to the Sec-
18 retary of Commerce under paragraph (1) may be
19 used to provide support for the Board and admin-
20 ister grants under this subsection.” and inserting
21 “The funds provided to the Secretary of Commerce
22 under paragraph (1) may be used to provide support
23 for the Board and administer grants under this sub-
24 section. The Board shall maximize the percentage of
25 funds directed to research and maintain the highest

1 quality standards in administering grants under this
2 subsection. On the date that is 5 years after the
3 date of enactment of the North Pacific Research
4 Board Enhancement Act, not more than 15 percent
5 of the funds provided to the Secretary of Commerce
6 under paragraph (1) may be used to provide support
7 for the Board and administer grants under this sub-
8 section.”.