



# Citizens' Climate Lobby

## **Cosponsor the Climate-Ready Fisheries Act of 2019** **[\(H.R. 4679\)](#)**

The bipartisan Climate-Ready Fisheries Act, introduced by Rep. Joe Cunningham (D-SC), Rep. Jared Huffman (D-CA), Rep. Francis Rooney (R-FL), and Rep. Brian Mast (R-FL), would direct the Government Accountability Office to issue a report examining efforts by fishery managers (including the fishery management councils, the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission, and the National Marine Fisheries Service, or NMFS) to prepare and adapt our nation's fisheries to the impacts of climate change.

This report would:

- Examine actions already taken by management bodies to prepare and adapt our nation's fisheries for climate change;
- Examine guidance issued by NMFS to the councils on making fisheries climate-ready;
- Identify any knowledge and funding gaps hindering action by management bodies to prepare and adapt fisheries for the impacts of climate change;
- Provide recommendations for how management bodies can better prepare fishing industries and communities for the impacts of changes; and
- Provide recommendations for how Congress can enhance the capacity of NMFS to undertake the scientific and management steps needed to address climate change.

The Climate-Ready Fisheries act has passed through the House Natural Resources Committee.

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