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H. R. 4245

[Report No. 114-]

To exempt importation and exportation of sea urchins and sea cucumbers from licensing requirements under the Endangered Species Act of 1973.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 11, 2015

Ms. PINGREE (for herself and Mr. POLIQUIN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means and Foreign Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

SEPTEMBER --, 2016

Reported from the Committee on Natural Resources with amendments

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in *italic*]

[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on December 11, 2015]

A BILL

To exempt importation and exportation of sea urchins and sea cucumbers from licensing requirements under the Endangered Species Act of 1973.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. EXEMPTION OF EXPORTATION OF CERTAIN**
4 **ECHINODERMS AND MOLLUSKS FROM PER-**
5 **MISSION AND LICENSING REQUIREMENTS.**

6 (a) *EXEMPTION.*—*Not later than 30 days after the date*
7 *of the enactment of this Act, the Director of the United*
8 *States Fish and Wildlife Service shall amend section 14.92*
9 *of title 50, Code of Federal Regulations, to clarify that—*

10 (1) *fish or wildlife described in subsection (b) are*
11 *fishery products exempt from the export permission*
12 *requirements of section 9(d)(1) of the Endangered*
13 *Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1538(d)(1)); and*

14 (2) *any person may engage in business as an ex-*
15 *porter of such fish or wildlife without procuring per-*
16 *mission under such section of that Act or an export*
17 *license under subpart I of part 14 of such title.*

18 (b) *COVERED FISH OR WILDLIFE.*—*The fish or wild-*
19 *life referred to in subsection (a) are members of the phylum*
20 *Echinodermata that are commonly known as sea urchins*
21 *and sea cucumbers, and members of the phylum Mollusca*
22 *that are commonly known as squid, octopus, and cuttlefish,*
23 *including products thereof, that—*

24 (1) *do not require a permit under part 16, 17,*
25 *or 23 of title 50, Code of Federal Regulations;*

1 (2) *are harvested in waters under the jurisdic-*
2 *tion of the United States or are processed in the*
3 *United States; and*

4 (3) *are—*

5 (A) *exported for purposes of human or ani-*
6 *mal consumption; or*

7 (B) *taken in waters under the jurisdiction*
8 *of the United States or on the high seas for rec-*
9 *reational purposes.*

Amend the title so as to read: “A bill to exempt ex-
portation of certain echinoderms and mollusks from li-
censing requirements under the Endangered Species Act
of 1973.”.