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# H. R. 5699

To require the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to reform the Marine Recreational Information Program of the National Marine Fisheries Service, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. RUTHERFORD introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

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## A BILL

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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. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Fisheries Data Mod-  
5       ernization and Accuracy Act of 2025”.

6       **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7       In this Act:

1           (1) ADMINISTRATOR.—The term “Adminis-  
2           trator” means the Administrator of the National  
3           Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, acting  
4           through the Director of the National Marine Fish-  
5           eries Service.

6           (2) FISHERY.—The term “fishery” has the  
7           meaning given the term in section 3 of the Magnu-  
8           son-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management  
9           Act (16 U.S.C. 1802).

10          (3) INDEPENDENT ENTITY.—The term “inde-  
11          pendent entity”—

12                 (A) means an entity that—

13                         (i) is not a unit of the National Oce-  
14                         anic and Atmospheric Administration; and

15                         (ii) has expertise in areas of science  
16                         related to fishery stock assessments; and

17                 (B) includes—

18                         (i) the National Academies of  
19                         Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine; and

20                         (ii) an institution of higher education  
21                         (as such term is defined in section 101 of  
22                         the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20  
23                         U.S.C. 1001)).

1           (4) MRIP.—The term “MRIP” means the Ma-  
2           rine Recreational Information Program of the Na-  
3           tional Marine Fisheries Service.

4           (5) NATIONAL ACADEMIES.—The term “Na-  
5           tional Academies” means the National Academies of  
6           Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine.

7           (6) PSE.—The term “PSE” means the percent  
8           standard error.

9           (7) PULSE SPECIES.—The term “pulse species”  
10          means a species that, due to regulatory constraints  
11          or the movement or availability of the species on a  
12          seasonal basis—

13                 (A) is caught—

14                         (i) on an intermittent or infrequent  
15                         basis; or

16                         (ii) only during an abbreviated time-  
17                         frame; and

18                 (B) is likely not sampled in a representa-  
19          tive manner by data collected through the  
20          MRIP.

21          (8) REGIONAL FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUN-  
22          CIL.—The term “Regional Fishery Management  
23          Council” means a Regional Fishery Management  
24          Council established under section 302 of the Magnu-

1 son-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management  
2 Act (16 U.S.C. 1852).

3 (9) REGIONAL STATE FISHERIES COMMIS-  
4 SION.—The term “regional State fisheries commis-  
5 sion” means each of—

6 (A) the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries  
7 Commission;

8 (B) the Gulf States Marine Fisheries Com-  
9 mission; and

10 (C) the Pacific States Marine Fisheries  
11 Commission.

12 (10) SCIENTIFIC AND STATISTICAL COM-  
13 MITTEE.—The term “scientific and statistical com-  
14 mittee” means a scientific and statistical committee  
15 established pursuant to section 302(g) of the Mag-  
16 nuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Manage-  
17 ment Act (16 U.S.C. 1852(g)).

18 (11) SEASONAL FISHERY.—The term “seasonal  
19 fishery” means a fishery—

20 (A) that is subject to an annual closed sea-  
21 son; or

22 (B) that may be affected by in- or post-  
23 season accountability measures that result in  
24 fishing or harvest closures.

1           (12) STANDING COMMITTEE.—The term  
2 “standing committee” means the standing com-  
3 mittee established pursuant to section 3(b)(1).

4           (13) STOCK OF FISH.—The term “stock of  
5 fish” has the meaning given the term in section 3  
6 of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and  
7 Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1802).

8           (14) WAVE.—The term “wave” means the  
9 shortest period in which MRIP data are aggregated  
10 and reported for use in management decisions.

11 **SEC. 3. RECREATIONAL FISHING DATA COLLECTION RE-**  
12 **FORM.**

13           (a) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator shall reform  
14 the MRIP in effect as of the date of the enactment of  
15 this section to meet the unique needs of individual regions  
16 and States, taking into consideration the needs of State-  
17 level programs related to recreational fishing catch and  
18 effort surveys in effect as of the date of the enactment  
19 of this section to ensure that such reform does not unnec-  
20 essarily dilute the effectiveness of such programs.

21           (b) NATIONAL ACADEMIES.—

22                 (1) STANDING COMMITTEE.—

23                     (A) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator  
24 shall enter into an agreement with the National  
25 Academies to establish a standing committee

1 within the National Academies that shall meet  
2 regularly to discuss issues related to rec-  
3 reational fisheries data collection and manage-  
4 ment.

5 (B) INDEPENDENCE.—In carrying out this  
6 subsection, the standing committee shall oper-  
7 ate independently and without the influence of  
8 the Administrator.

9 (C) COMPOSITION.—The standing com-  
10 mittee shall include individuals who are experts  
11 in recreational fisheries data collection and  
12 management, including representatives from  
13 State fish and wildlife agencies.

14 (2) CONSULTATION REGARDING PSE.—

15 (A) IN GENERAL.—If the PSE for data  
16 collected through the MRIP for a given sea-  
17 sonal fishery reaches or exceeds 30 percent in  
18 a given wave, or if a State submits a petition  
19 with respect to a given seasonal fishery under  
20 paragraph (4), the Administrator shall consult  
21 with the standing committee regarding op-  
22 tions—

23 (i) to reduce the PSE of such sea-  
24 sonal fishery; or

1 (ii) if reducing the PSE of such sea-  
2 sonal fishery is not practicable, to adjust  
3 the management of such seasonal fishery,  
4 including by using—

5 (I) the management approaches  
6 described in section 302(h)(8) of the  
7 Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conserva-  
8 tion and Management Act (16 U.S.C.  
9 1852(h)(8)); or

10 (II) multi-year annual catch lim-  
11 its, including block average annual  
12 catch limits of up to 3 years.

13 (B) REPORT.—After the Administrator  
14 consults with the standing committee under  
15 subparagraph (A) with respect to a seasonal  
16 fishery described in that subparagraph, the Ad-  
17 ministrator shall, not later than 6 months after  
18 the date on which either the PSE for data col-  
19 lected through the MRIP for such seasonal fish-  
20 ery exceeds 30 percent in a given wave or the  
21 Administrator receives a petition submitted by  
22 a State under paragraph (4), publish a report  
23 specifying—

24 (i) the options considered under that  
25 subparagraph (A);

1 (ii) the recommendation of the Ad-  
2 ministrator regarding how—

3 (I) to reduce the PSE for data  
4 collected through the MRIP for such  
5 seasonal fishery; or

6 (II) to adjust the management of  
7 such seasonal fishery in a manner  
8 that allows continued access and con-  
9 siders recommendations contained in  
10 the report submitted to Congress  
11 under section 102 of the Modernizing  
12 Recreational Fisheries Management  
13 Act of 2018 (Public Law 115–405);  
14 and

15 (iii) the reasoning, written in a man-  
16 ner easily understood by the public, for  
17 giving such recommendation.

18 (C) REGIONAL FISHERY MANAGEMENT  
19 COUNCIL.—If the Administrator publishes a re-  
20 port under subparagraph (B) with respect to a  
21 seasonal fishery described in subparagraph (A),  
22 the Administrator shall send such report to the  
23 relevant Regional Fishery Management Council  
24 for consideration.

1           (3) CONSIDERATION.—In carrying out para-  
2           graphs (1) and (2), the Administrator and the  
3           standing committee shall consider issues including  
4           the following:

5                   (A) Whether the data collected through the  
6                   MRIP is appropriate and useful for manage-  
7                   ment decisions, including options to improve  
8                   data collection methods.

9                   (B) The extent to which existing and po-  
10                  tential data collection options are—

11                           (i) burdensome to anglers; and

12                           (ii) an efficient or appropriate use of  
13                   resources.

14                  (C) Whether and to what extent specific  
15                  recommendations from the report published by  
16                  the National Academies titled “Data and Man-  
17                  agement Strategies for Recreational Fisheries  
18                  with Annual Catch Limits” (2021) and other  
19                  relevant National Academies activities can and  
20                  should be applied in light of the particular con-  
21                  text of the fishery being considered.

22           (4) PETITION TO INITIATE CONSULTATION.—A  
23           State may submit to the Administrator a petition for  
24           the Administrator to initiate the consultation process

1 under paragraph (2) with respect to a given seasonal  
2 fishery if—

3 (A) the PSE for data collected through the  
4 MRIP for such seasonal fishery is—

5 (i) significantly greater or less than  
6 the preceding 3-year average PSE for such  
7 seasonal fishery; or

8 (ii) substantially greater than the  
9 PSE for data collected through State sur-  
10 veys for such seasonal fishery; or

11 (B) data collected through the MRIP for  
12 such seasonal fishery is unreliable because the  
13 stock of fish of such seasonal fishery is a pulse  
14 species.

15 (5) COMBINED REPORTS.—In carrying out this  
16 subsection, the Administrator may carry out a single  
17 consultation with the standing committee under  
18 paragraph (2) with respect to 2 or more species if  
19 the Administrator and the standing committee joint-  
20 ly determine the underlying issues that triggered the  
21 consultation are highly similar.

22 (c) ALTERNATIVE TO MRIP.—If, after consultation  
23 with the standing committee and relevant States, the Ad-  
24 ministrator determines that it is not practicable to reduce  
25 the PSE for data collected through the MRIP for a given

1 seasonal fishery to 30 percent or less, the Administrator,  
2 in collaboration with the standing committee and relevant  
3 States and stakeholders, may develop alternative data col-  
4 lection and monitoring methodologies and, subject to peer  
5 review and validation, use such alternative data collection  
6 and monitoring methodologies in place of the MRIP for  
7 such seasonal fishery.

8 (d) **RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.**—Nothing in this sec-  
9 tion may be construed to override the role of the scientific  
10 and statistical committees in advising the Regional Fish-  
11 ery Management Councils regarding recommendations de-  
12 veloped pursuant to this section.

13 **SEC. 4. STATE RECREATIONAL FISHERY CATCH AND EF-**  
14 **FORT DATA COLLECTION.**

15 (a) **STATE RECREATIONAL FISHERY CATCH AND EF-**  
16 **FORT DATA COLLECTION PROGRAM.**—

17 (1) **IN GENERAL.**—A State may, subject to the  
18 approval of the Administrator, carry out a program  
19 within the waters of such State and Federal waters  
20 to collect recreational fishing catch and effort data  
21 for individual, or sets of, species that are federally  
22 managed.

23 (2) **REQUIREMENTS.**—If a State carries out a  
24 program under paragraph (1), the head of such pro-  
25 gram shall—

1 (A) ensure that such program complies  
2 with paragraph (3);

3 (B) collect recreational fishery catch and  
4 effort data with respect to such State;

5 (C) report such data that is necessary for  
6 Federal management to the Administrator in a  
7 manner and timeliness that complies with sec-  
8 tion 401 of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Con-  
9 servation and Management Act (16 U.S.C.  
10 1881); and

11 (D) take into consideration the burden of  
12 such program to the average angler such that  
13 such program is not overly burdensome to the  
14 point that substantial noncompliance would be  
15 expected.

16 (3) DATA REQUIREMENTS.—The Administrator,  
17 in consultation with the regional State fisheries com-  
18 missions, shall, with respect to data collected  
19 through a recreational fishery catch and effort data  
20 collection program of a State carried out under this  
21 subsection—

22 (A) establish universal standards regarding  
23 the collection of such data, including ensuring  
24 that such standards—

1 (i) allow for flexibility in the design of  
2 such programs to account for differences  
3 in recreational fishing activity between  
4 States; and

5 (ii) facilitate the collection of com-  
6 parable data between States within a re-  
7 gion for the purposes of stock assessments  
8 and management; and

9 (B) not later than 3 years after the date  
10 on which a State first reports such data, de-  
11 velop and implement a plan to use such data—

12 (i) without calibration to data col-  
13 lected pursuant to any Federal program,  
14 including the MRIP; and

15 (ii) as the baseline for the calibration  
16 of historic estimates of recreational catch  
17 in place of data collected through the  
18 MRIP.

19 (4) USE OF STATE DATA.—

20 (A) IN FEDERAL STOCK ASSESSMENTS AND  
21 REGULATORY ACTIONS.—Data collected through  
22 a recreational fishery catch and effort data col-  
23 lection program of a State carried out under  
24 this subsection may be used in Federal stock  
25 assessments and regulatory actions.

1 (B) IN PLACE OF MRIP DATA.—If a State  
2 collects data pursuant to this subsection that is  
3 collected pursuant to the MRIP, the Adminis-  
4 trator shall use the data collected by the State  
5 in place of the data collected pursuant to the  
6 MRIP, including with respect to management  
7 decisions.

8 (C) CALIBRATION WITH MRIP DATA.—

9 (i) IN GENERAL.—As applicable, data  
10 collected through the MRIP—

11 (I) shall be calibrated to data col-  
12 lected through a recreational fishery  
13 catch and effort data collection pro-  
14 gram of a State carried out under this  
15 subsection; and

16 (II) may only be so calibrated  
17 after the data described in subclause  
18 (I) is compared to data collected  
19 through such a program of another  
20 State.

21 (ii) PROHIBITION.—Data collected  
22 through a recreational fishery catch and  
23 effort data collection program of a State  
24 carried out under this subsection may not

1                   be calibrated to data collected through the  
2                   MRIP.

3                   (5) SUBSEQUENT FUNDING.—Upon approval by  
4                   the Administrator of a recreational fishery catch and  
5                   effort data collection program of a State under para-  
6                   graph (1), funding previously allocated to such State  
7                   for the collection of recreational fishery catch and ef-  
8                   fort data through the MRIP shall continue to be al-  
9                   located to such State for such State to carry out  
10                  such program of the State.

11                  (b) GRANT PROGRAM.—

12                  (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days  
13                  after the date of the enactment of this section, the  
14                  Administrator shall establish and carry out a grant  
15                  program to award amounts to States to develop,  
16                  with respect to each such State, a new, or improve  
17                  an existing, program described in subsection (a).

18                  (2) APPLICATIONS.—To be eligible for a grant  
19                  under this subsection, a State shall submit to the  
20                  Administrator an application in such form, at such  
21                  time, and containing such information as the Admin-  
22                  istrator determines appropriate.

23                  (3) USE OF FUNDS.—A State that is awarded  
24                  a grant under this subsection shall use such  
25                  award—

1 (A) to support the development or im-  
2 provement of a program described in subsection  
3 (a) of such State;

4 (B) to enhance the timeliness of reporting  
5 by such State of data collected by such State  
6 through such program; and

7 (C) to increase the accuracy and precision  
8 of the data collected by such State pursuant to  
9 such program.

10 (4) PRIORITY.—In awarding grants under this  
11 subsection, the Administrator shall give priority to  
12 applications—

13 (A) based on the ability of the award to re-  
14 duce the uncertainty of data collected through  
15 the MRIP, including with respect to—

16 (i) economically or socially important  
17 species;

18 (ii) species a fishery of which has had  
19 a fishing season substantially reduced or  
20 full annual closures proposed; and

21 (iii) species a fishery of which is at  
22 risk of closing another fishery because the  
23 management of both fisheries are inter-  
24 mingled; and

1 (B) that would alter or improve an existing  
2 State program carried out under subsection (a)  
3 to meet the requirements under subsection  
4 (a)(3).

5 (c) REPORT.—On the date that is 2 years after the  
6 date of the enactment of this section, and biennially there-  
7 after, the Administrator shall submit to the appropriate  
8 congressional committees and make publicly available a re-  
9 port regarding the implementation of this section that in-  
10 cludes—

11 (1) the number of States that have participated  
12 in the grant program established under subsection  
13 (b);

14 (2) a description of each State recreational fish-  
15 ery catch and effort data collection program;

16 (3) a description of how the Administrator in-  
17 corporates data collected pursuant to each such pro-  
18 gram in fishery stock assessments, fishery manage-  
19 ment decisions, and catch monitoring; and

20 (4) an analysis regarding the improvement in  
21 data precision and the accuracy of data collected  
22 pursuant to each such program compared to data  
23 collected through the MRIP.

24 (d) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-  
25 tion may be construed to negate, uncertify, or otherwise

1 undo existing State programs to collect recreational fish-  
2 ing catch and effort data.

3 (e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is  
4 authorized to be appropriated to the Administrator to  
5 carry out this section \$15,000,000 for each of fiscal years  
6 2026 through 2031.

7 **SEC. 5. HEALTHY FISHERIES THROUGH BETTER SCIENCE.**

8 (a) DEFINITION OF STOCK ASSESSMENT.—Section 3  
9 of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Man-  
10 agement Act (16 U.S.C. 1802) is amended—

11 (1) by redesignating paragraphs (43) through  
12 (50) as paragraphs (44) through (51), respectively;

13 (2) by inserting after paragraph (42) the fol-  
14 lowing:

15 “(43) The term ‘stock assessment’ means an  
16 evaluation of the past, present, and future status of  
17 a stock of fish, including—

18 “(A) a range of life history characteristics  
19 for such stock of fish, including, to the extent  
20 practicable—

21 “(i) the geographical boundaries of  
22 such stock of fish; and

23 “(ii) information regarding age,  
24 growth, natural mortality, sexual maturity

1 and reproduction, feeding habits, and habi-  
2 tat preferences of such stock of fish; and  
3 “(B) fishing for the stock of fish.”; and

4 (3) by redesignating the second paragraph (33)  
5 as paragraph (52).

6 (b) STOCK ASSESSMENT PLAN.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 404 of the Magnu-  
8 son-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management  
9 Act (16 U.S.C. 1881c) is amended by adding at the  
10 end the following:

11 “(f) STOCK ASSESSMENT PLAN.—

12 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall develop  
13 and publish in the Federal Register, on the same  
14 schedule as required for each strategic plan required  
15 under subsection (b), a plan to conduct stock assess-  
16 ments for priority stocks of fish for which a fishery  
17 management plan is in effect under this Act.

18 “(2) CONTENTS.—Each plan described in para-  
19 graph (1) shall—

20 “(A) for each priority stock of fish for  
21 which a stock assessment has previously been  
22 conducted—

23 “(i) establish a schedule for updating  
24 the stock assessment that is reasonable

1 given the biology and characteristics of the  
2 stock of fish; and

3 “(ii) subject to the availability of ap-  
4 propriations, require completion of a new  
5 stock assessment, or an update of the most  
6 recent stock assessment—

7 “(I) every 5 years; or

8 “(II) within such other time pe-  
9 riod specified and justified by the Sec-  
10 retary in the plan;

11 “(B) for each priority stock of fish for  
12 which a stock assessment has not previously  
13 been conducted—

14 “(i) establish a schedule for con-  
15 ducting an initial stock assessment that is  
16 reasonable given the biology and character-  
17 istics of the stock; and

18 “(ii) subject to the availability of ap-  
19 propriations, require completion of the ini-  
20 tial stock assessment not later than 3  
21 years after the date on which the plan is  
22 published in the Federal Register unless  
23 another time period is specified and justi-  
24 fied by the Secretary in the plan; and

1           “(C)(i) identify data and analysis, includ-  
2           ing both data and analysis that is and is not  
3           available at the time the plan is prepared, that  
4           would reduce the uncertainty, improve the accu-  
5           racy, and increase the efficiency of future stock  
6           assessments; and

7           “(ii) with respect to data and analysis  
8           identified under clause (i), determine whether  
9           such data and analysis could be provided by  
10          fishermen, fishing communities, universities,  
11          and research institutions, to the extent that the  
12          use of such data would be consistent with the  
13          requirements in section 301(a)(2).

14          “(3) WAIVER OF STOCK ASSESSMENT REQUIRE-  
15          MENT.—Notwithstanding subparagraphs (A)(ii) and  
16          (B)(ii) of paragraph (2), a stock assessment is not  
17          required for a stock of fish in the plan described in  
18          paragraph (1) if the Secretary determines that such  
19          stock assessment is not necessary and justifies such  
20          determination in the Federal Register notice re-  
21          quired by this subsection.”.

22          (2) DEADLINE.—Notwithstanding section  
23          404(f)(1) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Con-  
24          servation and Management Act (16 U.S.C.  
25          1881c(f)(1)), as added by this section, the Secretary

1 of Commerce shall issue the first stock assessment  
2 plan under section 404(f) of the Magnuson-Stevens  
3 Fishery Conservation and Management Act (16  
4 U.S.C. 1881c(f)), as added by this section, not later  
5 than 2 years after the date of the enactment of this  
6 section.

7 **SEC. 6. FISHERY-INDEPENDENT SURVEYS BY INDE-**  
8 **PENDENT ENTITIES.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator shall establish  
10 a program to enter into contracts with independent enti-  
11 ties on a competitive basis under which such independent  
12 entities shall conduct fishery-independent surveys de-  
13 signed to estimate the absolute abundance of stocks of fish  
14 included in the Fish Stock Sustainability Index on behalf  
15 of the Administrator.

16 (b) APPLICATIONS.—To be eligible to enter into a  
17 contract under the program established under subsection  
18 (a), an independent entity shall submit to the Adminis-  
19 trator an application in such form, at such time, and con-  
20 taining such information as the Administrator determines  
21 appropriate, including evidence of the following:

22 (1) Use by the independent entity of modern or  
23 cutting-edge science.

24 (2) The ability of the independent entity to  
25 handle data in a reliable manner.

1           (c) USE OF DATA.—Upon favorable peer review, the  
2 Administrator, in consultation with the relevant scientific  
3 and statistical committees and independent entity and  
4 with consideration of the report submitted under section  
5 7, shall incorporate data collected pursuant to a fishery-  
6 independent abundance survey conducted by an inde-  
7 pendent entity under the program established under sub-  
8 section (a) in management decisions.

9           (d) REPORT.—The Administrator shall annually sub-  
10 mit to the Committee on Natural Resources of the House  
11 of Representatives and the Committee on Commerce,  
12 Science, and Transportation of the Senate a report re-  
13 garding the findings of surveys conducted pursuant to this  
14 section and the incorporation of the results of such surveys  
15 in management decisions pursuant to subsection (c).

16 **SEC. 7. REPORT.**

17           Not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment  
18 of this section, the National Academies, in consultation  
19 with the Harte Research Institute for Gulf of Mexico  
20 Studies, shall submit to the Committee on Natural Re-  
21 sources of the House of Representatives and the Com-  
22 mittee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the  
23 Senate and make publicly available a report regarding—

24                   (1) the incorporation of the results of the study  
25           titled “Estimating the Absolute Abundance of Age-

1 2+ Red Snapper (*Lutjanus campechanus*) in the  
2 U.S. Gulf of Mexico” (August 16, 2021) in manage-  
3 ment decisions of the National Marine Fisheries  
4 Service; and

5 (2) recommendations regarding the incorpora-  
6 tion of data collected pursuant to section 6 in man-  
7 agement decisions of the National Marine Fisheries  
8 Service.

9 **SEC. 8. TRANSPARENCY AND PUBLIC PROCESS.**

10 (a) **ADVICE.**—Section 302(g)(1)(B) of the Magnuson-  
11 Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (16  
12 U.S.C. 1852(g)(1)(B)) is amended by adding at the end  
13 the following: “Each scientific and statistical committee  
14 shall develop such advice in a transparent manner and  
15 allow for public involvement in the process.”.

16 (b) **MEETINGS.**—Section 302(i)(2) of the Magnuson-  
17 Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (16  
18 U.S.C. 1852(i)(2)) is amended by adding at the end the  
19 following:

20 “(G) Each Council shall make available on the  
21 internet website of the Council—

22 “(i) with respect to each meeting of the  
23 Council and Council coordination committee es-  
24 tablished under subsection (l) that is not closed  
25 in accordance with paragraph (3), to the extent

1           practicable, a Webcast, live audio recording, or  
2           live broadcast of each such meeting; and

3           “(ii) with respect to each meeting of the  
4           Council and of the scientific and statistical  
5           committee established by the Council under  
6           subsection (g)(1)(A) that is not closed in ac-  
7           cordance with paragraph (3), by not later than  
8           30 days after the conclusion of each such meet-  
9           ing, an audio or video (if the meeting was held  
10          in person or by video conference) recording or  
11          a searchable audio or written transcript of each  
12          such meeting.

13          “(H) The Secretary shall maintain and make  
14          available to the public an archive of each recording  
15          and transcript made available under subparagraph  
16          (G).”.

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