AMENDMENT NO. _______ Calendar No. _______

Purpose: To require the National Marine Fisheries Service to take immediate action to increase energy production.


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To authorize appropriations for the Coast Guard, 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 Mr. LEE to the amendment (No. _______) proposed by Ms. CANTWELL (for herself, Mr. WICKER, and Ms. BALDWIN)

Viz:

1 At the appropriate place, insert the following:

2 SEC. ___. ACTIONS BY NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE TO INCREASE ENERGY PRODUCTION.

3 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—The National Marine Fisheries Service shall, immediately upon the enactment of this Act, take action to address the outstanding backlog of letters of authorization for the Gulf of Mexico.

4 (b) **SENSE OF CONGRESS.**—It is the sense of Congress that the National Marine Fisheries Service should—

5 (1) take immediate action to issue a rule that allows the Service to approve outstanding and future
applications for letters of authorization consistent
with the Service’s permitting activities; and

(2) on or after the effective date of the rule,
prioritize the consideration of applications in a man-
ner that is consistent with applicable Federal law.