AMENDMENT NO._______ Calendar No._____

Purpose: To improve the bill.


S. 2346

To improve the Fishery Resource Disaster Relief program of the National Marine Fisheries Service, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on ________________ and ordered to be printed

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AMENDMENTS intended to be proposed by ________________

Viz:

1 Beginning on page 2, strike line 18 and all that follows through line 8, page 3, and insert the following:

“(C) Fishery resource disaster.—The term “fishery resource disaster” means a disaster that is determined by the Secretary in accordance with this subsection and—

“(i) is an unexpected decrease in fish stock biomass or other change that results in significant loss of access to the fishery resource, which may include loss of fishing vessels and gear for a substantial period of time and results in significant revenue or
subsistence loss due to an allowable cause;

and

"(ii) does not include—

"(I) reasonably predictable, foreseeable, and recurrent fishery cyclical variations in species distribution or stock abundance; or

"(II) reductions in fishing opportunities resulting from conservation and management measures taken pursuant to this Act.

On page 3, line 10, strike "tribe" and insert "Tribe".

On page 3, strike lines 22 through 25 and insert the following:

"(IV) a tsunami;

"(V) a hypoxic zone;

"(VI) a drought;

"(VII) El Niño effects on water temperature;

"(VIII) a marine heat wave; or

On page 4, line 7, insert "charter," after "commercial, ".

On page 5, strike lines 7 and 8, and insert the following: "be used by the affected State, Tribal government, or interstate marine fisheries commission, or by the See-
retary in cooperation with the affected State, Tribal gov-
ernment, or interstate marine fisheries commission.".

On page 6, lines 21 and 22, strike "a sudden, unex-
pected, large" and insert "an unexpected".

On page 7, between lines 9 and 10, insert the fol-
lowing:

"(C) ASSISTANCE.—The Secretary may
provide assistance, data, and analysis to an eli-
gible requester described in paragraph (1), if so
requested and the data is not available to the
requester, in carrying out the compete request
under subparagraph (A).

On page 9, between lines 7 and 8, insert the fol-
lowing:

"(BB) charter fishing
operators;

On page 9, line 17, strike "tribe" and insert "Tribe".

On page 11, line 20, insert "or Tribal representative"
after "State".

On page 12, between lines 5 and 6, insert the fol-
lowing:

"(iii) a combination of a natural cause

and an anthropogenic cause; or
On page 13, lines 5 and 6, strike “AND AQUACULTURE OPERATIONS”.

On page 13, lines 9 and 10, strike “revenue loss from aquaculture operations and”.

Beginning on page 13, strike line 21 and all that follows through line 9, page 14.

On page 15, line 25, insert “charter,” after “commercial,”.

On page 16, line 5, strike “fishing” and insert “and Tribal ceremonial fishing opportunity”.

On page 18, line 5, insert “or improve understanding of the affected species or its ecosystem” after “fishery”.

On page 20, line 14, insert “commercial, charter, or Tribal” after “employed in a”.

On page 20, line 20, insert “as applied to Tribes and” after “Except”.