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To improve efforts to combat marine debris, and for other purposes.

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AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by Mr. SCHATZ

Viz:

1 At the end of title IV, add following:

2 SEC. 405. REPORT ON SOURCES AND IMPACTS OF DERELICT FISHING GEAR.

3 Not later than 2 years after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Under Secretary shall submit to Congress a report that includes—

4 (1) an analysis of the scale of fishing gear losses by domestic and foreign fisheries, including—

5 (A) how the amount of gear lost varies among—

6 (i) domestic and foreign fisheries;

7 (ii) types of fishing gear; and
(iii) methods of fishing;

(B) how lost fishing gear is transported by ocean currents; and

(C) common reasons fishing gear is lost;

(2) an evaluation of the ecological, human health, and maritime safety impacts of derelict fishing gear, and how those impacts vary across—

(A) types of fishing gear;

(B) materials used to construct fishing gear; and

(C) geographic location;

(3) recommendations on management measures—

(A) to prevent fishing gear losses; and

(B) to reduce the impacts of lost fishing gear; and

(4) an assessment of the cost of implementing such management measures.