

117TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 274

To prohibit the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Commerce from authorizing commercial finfish aquaculture operations in the Exclusive Economic Zone except in accordance with a law authorizing such action.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 11, 2021

Mr. YOUNG (for himself, Mr. DEFAZIO, Mr. CASTEN, and Ms. NORTON) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

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 “Keep Finfish Free Act
5 of 2021”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON AUTHORIZING FINFISH AQUA-**
2 **CULTURE IN THE EEZ.**

3 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, neither
4 the Secretary of the Interior nor the Secretary of Com-
5 merce may issue any permit or in any other way authorize
6 any person to conduct commercial finfish aquaculture op-
7 erations in the Exclusive Economic Zone of the United
8 States (as established by Proclamation Numbered 5030,
9 dated March 10, 1983), except in accordance with a law
10 authorizing such action that is enacted after the date of
11 the enactment of this Act.

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