



The Honorable Joseph R. Biden, Jr.
President of the Senate
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510


The Administration is pleased to forward for your consideration the enclosed draft legislation, entitled the “Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Convention Amendments of 2014.” This draft bill proposes amendments to the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Convention Act of 1995 in order to implement the “*Amendment to the Convention on Future Multilateral Cooperation in the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries*” (Amendment), adopted by the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization (NAFO) on September 28, 2007. The Amendment represents a reorganization of NAFO and its underlying convention to better reflect current fisheries science and management principles and practices. The changes to the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Convention Act of 1995 are mostly administrative in nature, and reflect the Amendment’s restructuring of the convention governing NAFO.

The Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010 provides that revenue and direct spending legislation cannot, in the aggregate, increase the on-budget deficit. If such legislation increases the on-budget deficit and that increase is not offset by the end of the Congressional session, a sequestration must be ordered. This proposal would affect direct spending and revenues, but the effects of this proposal would net to zero; therefore, it is in compliance with the Statutory PAYGO Act.

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The Office of Management and Budget has advised that there is no objection to transmittal of this proposal and that its enactment would be in accord with the program of the President. If you have any questions, please contact me or Margaret Cummisky, Assistant Secretary for Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs, at (202) 482-3663.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures

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