



SENATE RESOLUTION 370: South Atlantic Federal Fisheries Resources.

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OVERVIEW: *Senate Resolution 370 would oppose the privatization of South Atlantic Federal Fishery Resources through catch share management and efforts through exempted fishing permits or other means to conduct pilot catch share programs or studies.*

BILL ANALYSIS: SR 370 would provide that the members of the Senate, by this resolution, oppose the use of catch share fisheries management in federal waters off North Carolina and in the South Atlantic and any efforts through exempted fishing permits or other means to conduct pilot catch share programs or studies.

Copies of this resolution will be transmitted to the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Fisheries, and the North Carolina Marine Fisheries Commission.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The resolution would become effective upon adoption.

BACKGROUND: NOAA adopted a catch share policy in 2010. "Catch share" is a general term for several fishery management strategies that allocate a specific portion of the total allowable fishery catch to individuals, cooperatives, communities, or other entities. Each recipient of a catch share is directly accountable to stop fishing when its exclusive allocation is reached. The term includes specific programs defined in law such as "limited access privilege" and "individual fishing quota" programs, and other exclusive allocative measures such as Territorial Use Rights Fisheries that grant an exclusive privilege to fish in a geographically designated fishing ground.

The South Carolina House of Representatives introduced a similar resolution (H 3856 Resolution) opposing the "catch share" policy in March 2017.

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