

115TH CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 961

To prohibit aquaculture in the Great Lakes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 7, 2017

Mr. KILDEE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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## A BILL

To prohibit aquaculture in the Great Lakes.

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 “Ban Aquaculture in  
5 the Great Lakes Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON AQUACULTURE IN THE GREAT**  
7 **LAKES.**

8 (a) PROHIBITION.—Notwithstanding any other provi-  
9 sion of law, a person shall not engage in aquaculture in  
10 the Great Lakes.

1 (b) ADMINISTRATION.—The Secretary of the Interior  
2 shall administer this section.

3 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

4 (1) AQUACULTURE.—The term “aquaculture”  
5 means the propagation or rearing (or both) of aquat-  
6 ic species in a controlled or selected environment.  
7 The term does not include any fish hatchery oper-  
8 ated by a Federal or State agency.

9 (2) GREAT LAKES.—The term “Great Lakes”  
10 means Lake Ontario, Lake Erie, Lake Huron, Lake  
11 St. Clair, Lake Michigan, and Lake Superior, in-  
12 cluding the connecting waters thereof, to the extent  
13 that those lakes or waters, respectively, are subject  
14 to the jurisdiction of the United States.

15 (d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section shall take effect  
16 at the end of the 90-day period beginning on the date of  
17 the enactment of this Act.

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