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116TH CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 1240

[Report No. 116–429]

To preserve United States fishing heritage through a national program dedicated to training and assisting the next generation of commercial fishermen.

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### IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 14, 2019

Mr. YOUNG (for himself, Mrs. RADEWAGEN, Mr. MOULTON, Mr. GOLDEN, and Ms. PINGREE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

JUNE 4, 2020

Additional sponsors: Mr. KILMER, Mr. PAPPAS, Mr. HUFFMAN, Mr. VAN DREW, Mr. SOTO, Mr. LAWSON of Florida, Mr. RICHMOND, and Ms. BONAMICI

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[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on February 14, 2019]

# **A BILL**

To preserve United States fishing heritage through a national program dedicated to training and assisting the next generation of commercial fishermen.

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 “Young Fishermen’s De-*  
5       *velopment Act”.*

6       **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7       *In this Act:*

8               (1) *SEA GRANT INSTITUTION.*—*The term “Sea*  
9               *Grant Institution” means a sea grant college or sea*  
10              *grant institute, as those terms are defined in section*  
11              *203 of the National Sea Grant College Program Act*  
12              *(33 U.S.C. 1122).*

13             (2) *TRIBAL ORGANIZATION.*—*The term “Tribal*  
14             *organization” has the meaning given the term “tribal*  
15             *organization” in section 4 of the Indian Self-Deter-*  
16             *mination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C.*  
17             *5304).*

18             (3) *YOUNG FISHERMAN.*—*The term “young fish-*  
19             *erman” means an individual who—*

20                       (A) *desires to participate in the commercial*  
21                       *fisheries of the United States, including the*  
22                       *Great Lakes fisheries;*

23                       (B) *has worked as a captain, crew member,*  
24                       *or deckhand on a commercial fishing vessel for*  
25                       *not more than 10 years of cumulative service;*

1                   (C) is a beginning commercial fisherman;

2                   or

3                   (D) is less than 35 years of age.

4 **SEC. 3. ESTABLISHMENT OF PROGRAM.**

5           The Secretary of Commerce, acting through the Na-  
6 tional Sea Grant Office, shall establish a program to pro-  
7 vide training, education, outreach, and technical assistance  
8 initiatives for young fishermen, to be known as the “Young  
9 Fishermen’s Development Grant Program” (referred to in  
10 this section as the “Program”).

11 **SEC. 4. GRANTS.**

12           (a) *IN GENERAL.*—In carrying out the Program, the  
13 Secretary shall make competitive grants to support new and  
14 established local and regional training, education, outreach,  
15 and technical assistance initiatives for young fishermen, in-  
16 cluding programs, workshops, and services relating to—

17                   (1) seamanship, navigation, electronics, and  
18 safety;

19                   (2) vessel and engine care, maintenance, and re-  
20 pair;

21                   (3) innovative conservation fishing gear engi-  
22 neering and technology;

23                   (4) sustainable fishing practices;

24                   (5) entrepreneurship and good business practices;

1           (6) *direct marketing, supply chain, and*  
2           *traceability;*

3           (7) *financial and risk management, including*  
4           *vessel, permit, and quota purchasing;*

5           (8) *State and Federal legal requirements for spe-*  
6           *cific fisheries, including reporting, monitoring, li-*  
7           *censes, and regulations;*

8           (9) *State and Federal fisheries policy and man-*  
9           *agement;*

10          (10) *mentoring, apprenticeships, or internships;*  
11          *and*

12          (11) *any other activities, opportunities, or pro-*  
13          *grams, as the Secretary determines appropriate.*

14          (b) *ELIGIBILITY.—*

15               (1) *APPLICANTS.—To be eligible to receive a*  
16               *grant under the Program, a recipient shall be a col-*  
17               *laborative State, Tribal, local, or regionally based*  
18               *network or partnership of public or private entities,*  
19               *which may include—*

20                       (A) *a Sea Grant Institution;*

21                       (B) *a Federal or State agency or a Tribal*  
22                       *organization;*

23                       (C) *a community-based nongovernmental*  
24                       *organization;*

25                       (D) *fishermen’s cooperatives or associations;*

1                   (E) an institution of higher education (in-  
 2                   cluding an institution awarding an associate's  
 3                   degree), or a foundation maintained by an insti-  
 4                   tution of higher education; or

5                   (F) any other appropriate entity, as the  
 6                   Secretary determines appropriate.

7                   (2) *PARTICIPANTS*.—All young fishermen seeking  
 8                   to participate in the commercial fisheries of the  
 9                   United States and the Great Lakes are eligible to par-  
 10                  ticipate in the activities funded through grants pro-  
 11                  vided for in this section, except that participants in  
 12                  such activities shall be selected by each grant recipi-  
 13                  ent.

14                  (c) *MAXIMUM TERM AND AMOUNT OF GRANT*.—

15                  (1) *IN GENERAL*.—A grant under this section  
 16                  shall—

17                         (A) have a term of no more than 3 fiscal  
 18                         years; and

19                         (B) be in an amount that is not more than  
 20                         \$200,000 for each fiscal year.

21                  (2) *CONSECUTIVE GRANTS*.—An eligible recipient  
 22                  may receive consecutive grants under this section.

23                  (d) *MATCHING REQUIREMENT*.—To be eligible to re-  
 24                  ceive a grant under this section, a recipient shall provide  
 25                  a match in the form of cash or in-kind contributions from

1 *the recipient in the amount equal to or greater than 25 per-*  
2 *cent of the funds provided by the grant.*

3 *(e) REGIONAL BALANCE.—In making grants under*  
4 *this section, the Secretary shall, to the maximum extent*  
5 *practicable, ensure geographic diversity.*

6 *(f) COOPERATION AND EVALUATION CRITERIA.—In*  
7 *carrying out this section and in developing criteria for eval-*  
8 *uating grant applications, the Secretary shall consult, to*  
9 *the maximum extent practicable, with—*

10 *(1) Sea Grant Institutions and extension agents*  
11 *of such institutions;*

12 *(2) community-based nongovernmental fishing*  
13 *organizations;*

14 *(3) Federal and State agencies, including Re-*  
15 *gional Fishery Management Councils established*  
16 *under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation*  
17 *and Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1851 et seq.);*

18 *(4) institutions of higher education with fisheries*  
19 *expertise and programs; and*

20 *(5) partners, as the Secretary determines.*

21 *(g) PROHIBITION.—A grant under this section may*  
22 *not be used to purchase any fishing license, permit, quota,*  
23 *or other harvesting right.*

1 **SEC. 5. FUNDING.**

2       *Of the amount made available to the Secretary of Com-*  
3 *merce under section 311(e) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fish-*  
4 *ery Conservation and Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1861(e))*  
5 *for each of fiscal years 2021 through 2025, the Secretary*  
6 *shall use \$2,000,000 to carry out section 4 of this Act.*





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