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(House)

STATEMENT OF ADMINISTRATION POLICY
H.R. 8509 - Amending the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023 to Extend the Time
Period for which Certain Regulations Concerning the North Atlantic
Right Whale are Effective
(Rep. Golden, D-ME)

The Administration strongly supports passage of H.R. 8509, which would extend the time period, from 2028 until 2035, for which the Department of Commerce's National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) Final Rule amending the regulations implementing the Atlantic Large Whale Take Reduction Plan (86 Fed. Reg. 51970) is deemed sufficient to ensure the continued authorizations of the American lobster and Jonah crab fisheries are in full compliance with the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 and the Endangered Species Act of 1973. It would also extend the requirements for the NMFS to promote the innovation and adoption of gear technologies in the American lobster and Jonah crab fisheries and promulgate new regulations for the American lobster and Jonah crab fisheries using existing and innovative gear technologies until 2035. This bill aligns with the Administration's priorities in Executive Order 14276, Restoring American Seafood Competitiveness, to promote the adoption of new technology and the productive harvest of our seafood resources.

If H.R. 8509 were presented to the President, his senior advisors would recommend that he sign it into law.

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