



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

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H.R. 4408

A bill to reauthorize the Atlantic Striped Bass Conservation Act

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Resources on June 7, 2000

SUMMARY

H.R. 4408 would authorize the appropriation of \$1.25 million annually through 2003 for the management and conservation of striped bass. This program is carried out by the Departments of Commerce and the Interior, which would be authorized to receive \$1 million and \$0.25 million, respectively.

Assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 4408 would cost \$1 million in 2001 and \$3.75 million over the 2001-2003 period. The bill would not affect direct spending or receipts; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply.

The bill contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA) and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments. Enacting this legislation would benefit the states that are eligible for financial assistance under the Atlantic Striped Bass Conservation Act.

ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

The estimated budgetary impact of H.R. 4408 is shown in the following table. For this estimate, CBO assumes that the amounts authorized by H.R. 4408 will be appropriated for each fiscal year and that outlays will follow historical spending patterns for the authorized programs. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 300 (natural resources and environment).

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars					
	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION						
Spending Under Current Law						
Budget Authority ^a	1	0	0	0	0	0
Estimated Outlays	1	0	0	0	0	0
Proposed Changes						
Authorization Level	0	1	1	1	0	0
Estimated Outlays	0	1	1	1	0	0
Spending Under H.R. 4408						
Authorization Level ^a	1	1	1	1	0	0
Estimated Outlays	1	1	1	1	0	0

a. The 2000 level is the amount appropriated for that year for the management and conservation of striped bass.

PAY-AS-YOU-GO CONSIDERATIONS: None.

ESTIMATED IMPACT ON STATE, LOCAL, AND TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS

H.R. 4408 contains no intergovernmental mandates as defined in UMRA and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments. Enacting this legislation would benefit the states that are eligible for financial assistance under the Atlantic Striped Bass Conservation Act.

ESTIMATED IMPACT ON THE PRIVATE SECTOR

The bill would impose no new private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA.

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