



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE  
COST ESTIMATE

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**S. 2871**

**A bill to make technical corrections to the Western  
and Central Pacific Fisheries Convention Implementation Act,  
and for other purposes**

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation  
on March 24, 2010*

S. 2871 would amend existing laws related to certain international fishing agreements. Based on information from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), CBO estimates that implementing the legislation would have no significant cost. Enacting S. 2871 would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply.

Under current law, individuals appointed to serve on commissions and advisory bodies under certain international fishing agreements are subject to various eligibility requirements. Under the bill, some of those eligibility requirements would be changed. Because those changes would not affect the number of individuals appointed to serve on those bodies, CBO estimates that implementing this provision would not affect the federal budget.

S. 2871 also would reduce the number of scientific experts appointed to the joint technical committee under the Pacific Whiting Act of 2006. Although members of that committee do not receive compensation, implementing S. 2871 could reduce the cost of reimbursable expenses paid to committee members. Based on information from NOAA, CBO estimates that any savings from a reduction in those expenses would be negligible.

S. 2871 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

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