



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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**H.R. 3070
EEZ Transit Zone Clarification and Access Act**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Natural Resources
on March 16, 2016*

H.R. 3070 would authorize the Secretary of Commerce to permit recreational fishing for Atlantic striped bass between the eastern tip of Long Island and the coast of Rhode Island. That type of fishing is currently banned in that area, although the Secretary already has the authority to lift the ban. Aside from administrative costs of issuing regulations, which CBO estimates would be insignificant, there are no other budgetary consequences of maintaining or lifting this fishing ban in federal waters.

Enacting H.R. 3070 would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply. CBO estimates that enacting the bill would not increase net direct spending or on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2027.

H.R. 3070 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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