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(PUBLIC - No. 267 - 68th CONGRESS)  
(S. 3434.)

An Act for the protection of the northern Pacific halibut fishery.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled.

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE. -- This Act may be cited as the Northern Pacific Halibut Act.

SEC. 2. DEFINITION OF TERMS. -- For the purposes of this Act "close season" shall mean the period from the 16th day of November in any year to the 15th day of February in the next following year, both days inclusive, or any other close season hereafter fixed by agreement between the United States and Canada; "territorial waters of the United States" shall mean the waters contiguous to the western coast of the United States and the waters contiguous to the coast of Alaska; "territorial waters of Canada" shall mean the waters contiguous to the western coast of Canada, and "prohibited waters" shall mean the territorial waters of the United States, the territorial waters of Canada, and the high seas, including Bering Sea, extending westerly from the limits of the territorial waters of the United States and of Canada.

SEC. 3. FISHING UNLAWFUL, WHEN. -- It shall be unlawful for any person to fish for, or catch, or attempt to catch, any halibut (*hippoglossus*) at any time during the close season in the Territorial waters of the United States, or for any national or inhabitant of the United States to fish for, or catch, or attempt to catch, any halibut at any time during the close season in prohibited waters. The unintentional catching of halibut, when legally fishing for other species of fish, shall not constitute a violation of this Act if such halibut shall be used for food by the crew of the vessel catching

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