

HOUSE No. 258

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Thomas M. Stanley

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to the economic value and revenue generation of the atlantic striped bass.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Thomas M. Stanley</i>	<i>9th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/18/2011</i>

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By Mr. Stanley of Waltham, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 258) of Thomas M. Stanley for legislation to regulate the fishing and sale of Atlantic Striped Bass. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

An Act relative to the economic value and revenue generation of the atlantic striped bass.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Chapter 130: Section 100A is further amended by adding at the end thereof a new section

2 Section 100B – Conservation and management measures concerning the commercial

3 taking of the striped bass including by not limited to the length of the commercial season, the

4 number of permits issued for the commercial season and the total number of striped bass by fish

5 count or poundage allowed to be landed shall take into account the following measures: the

6 prevention of overfishing, the rebuilding of overfished stocks, the impact of these proposed rules

7 and regulations on the economic value of the recreational catch, the impact on the economy of

8 the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the impact on tax revenues generated for the

9 Commonwealth by the recreational fishery from the sales, meals, hotel/motel, fuel and income

10 taxes. The Director and the Marine Fisheries Advisory Board must take into consideration the

11 economic importance of the recreational striped bass fishery to the Commonwealth and the

12 potential effects of proposed management measures on the tax revenues of the Commonwealth.

13 All such approved rules and regulations shall be accompanied with a fiscal note detailing any

14 said potential or anticipated impacts and said fiscal note shall be forwarded to the House and
15 Senate Committees on Ways and Means, the Joint Committee on Revenue, the Joint Committee
16 on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture and the Joint Committee on Tourism, Arts
17 and Cultural Development.