

117TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 274

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 11, 2021

Mr. YOUNG (for himself, Mr. DEFAZIO, Mr. CASTEN, and Ms. NORTON) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Keep Finfish Free Act  
5 of 2021”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON AUTHORIZING FINFISH AQUA-**  
2 **CULTURE IN THE EEZ.**

3       Notwithstanding any other provision of law, neither  
4 the Secretary of the Interior nor the Secretary of Com-  
5 merce may issue any permit or in any other way authorize  
6 any person to conduct commercial finfish aquaculture op-  
7 erations in the Exclusive Economic Zone of the United  
8 States (as established by Proclamation Numbered 5030,  
9 dated March 10, 1983), except in accordance with a law  
10 authorizing such action that is enacted after the date of  
11 the enactment of this Act.

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