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Rebuilding Depleted Fish Populations: Progress, problems and financial impacts

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Ten years after the passage of the Magnuson-Stevens Act amendments of 1996, progress on rebuilding depleted fisheries has been slow. The **Lenfest Ocean Program** invites you to come hear two experts in fisheries management discuss what has gone wrong, the economic implications associated with depressed vs. healthy fisheries, and where we go from here.

Andrew Rosenberg, Professor of Natural Resources at the University of New Hampshire, will discuss his new study in press at *Frontiers in Ecology and the Environment*, entitled, “Rebuilding US fisheries: progress and problems,” which documents successes and failures in fisheries rebuilding programs since the Magnuson-Stevens Act amendments were passed in 1996 and recommends ways to improve success of the program.

Rashid Sumaila, the Director of the Fisheries Economics Research Unit at University of British Columbia’s Fisheries Centre, will present his October 2005 work, *Fish Economics: The Benefits of Rebuilding U.S. Ocean Fish Populations*, which puts a dollar figure on our current approach to rebuilding fish stocks and compares this to the economic impact of other approaches.

This briefing will provide information about issues contained in HR 5018 sponsored by Richard Pombo (R-CA), to reauthorize the Magnuson Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act of 1976 (Magnuson-Stevens Act). It is expected to be put before the full House of Representatives for a vote at then end of this month or early next month.

