Has US Congress rejected fish catch shares program?

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On April 17th Congress adopted a budget amendment, offered by Representative Walter Jones of North Carolina, as part of the FY2011 budget. By adopting that amendment Congress voted to defund a controversial fisheries management programme of sharing the catch among individual fishing enterprises. Wenonah Hauter, Executive Director, Food & Water Watch, said in Washington DC, on Friday: " This programme has been blocking access to fish for thousands of smaller scale fishermen, destroying their livelihoods and our coastal and fishing communities. It has already begun consolidating the fishing industry on every coast. It is shocking that, while the thousands lost their jobs in the worst recession in decades and the nation debated spending priorities, our government wasted millions to hand our fisheries over to mostly larger-scale, often corporate, industrialised fishing operations."

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