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H. R. 10234

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 21, 2024

Mr. NEGUSE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committees on Agriculture, and Transportation and Infrastructure, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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 “Stop the Spread of
5 Invasive Mussels Act of 2024”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this Act:

8 (1) **AQUATIC NUISANCE SPECIES TASK**
9 **FORCE.**—The term “Aquatic Nuisance Species Task
10 Force” means the Aquatic Nuisance Species Task
11 Force established by section 1201(a) of the Non-
12 indigenous Aquatic Nuisance Prevention and Control
13 Act of 1990 (16 U.S.C. 4721(a)).

14 (2) **FEDERAL LAND AND WATER.**—The term
15 “Federal land and water” means Federal land and
16 water operated and maintained by the Bureau of
17 Land Management, the Bureau of Reclamation, the
18 National Park Service, or the Forest Service, as ap-
19 plicable.

20 (3) **INDIAN TRIBE.**—The term “Indian Tribe”
21 has the meaning given the term in section 4 of the
22 Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance
23 Act (25 U.S.C. 5304).

1 (4) INSPECTION.—The term “inspection”
2 means an inspection to prevent and respond to bio-
3 logical invasions of an aquatic ecosystem.

4 (5) PARTNER.—The term “partner” means—

5 (A) a Reclamation State;

6 (B) an Indian Tribe in a Reclamation
7 State;

8 (C) an applicable nonprofit organization in
9 a Reclamation State; or

10 (D) a unit of local government in a Rec-
11 lamation State.

12 (6) RECLAMATION STATE.—

13 (A) IN GENERAL.—The term “Reclamation
14 State” means any State in which a Bureau of
15 Reclamation reservoir is located.

16 (B) INCLUSIONS.—The term “Reclamation
17 State” includes any of the States of—

18 (i) Alaska;

19 (ii) Arizona;

20 (iii) California;

21 (iv) Colorado;

22 (v) Idaho;

23 (vi) Kansas;

24 (vii) Montana;

25 (viii) Nebraska;

- 1 (ix) Nevada;
2 (x) New Mexico;
3 (xi) North Dakota;
4 (xii) Oklahoma;
5 (xiii) Oregon;
6 (xiv) South Dakota;
7 (xv) Texas;
8 (xvi) Utah;
9 (xvii) Washington; and
10 (xviii) Wyoming.

11 (7) SECRETARIES.—The term “Secretaries”
12 means—

13 (A) the Secretary of the Interior, acting
14 through the Director of the Bureau of Land
15 Management, the Commissioner of Reclama-
16 tion, and the Director of the National Park
17 Service; and

18 (B) the Secretary of Agriculture, acting
19 through the Chief of the Forest Service.

20 **SEC. 3. FEDERAL LAND AND AQUATIC RESOURCE ACTIVI-**
21 **TIES ASSISTANCE.**

22 (a) AUTHORITY OF BUREAU OF LAND MANAGE-
23 MENT, BUREAU OF RECLAMATION, NATIONAL PARK
24 SERVICE, AND FOREST SERVICE WITH RESPECT TO CER-

1 TAIN AQUATIC RESOURCE ACTIVITIES ON FEDERAL LAND
2 AND WATER.—

3 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretaries may inspect
4 and decontaminate watercraft entering and leaving
5 Federal land and water located within a river basin
6 that contains a Bureau of Reclamation water
7 project.

8 (2) REQUIREMENTS.—The Secretaries shall—

9 (A) in carrying out an inspection under
10 paragraph (1), coordinate with 1 or more part-
11 ners;

12 (B) consult with the Aquatic Nuisance
13 Species Task Force to identify potential im-
14 provements in the detection and management of
15 invasive species on Federal land and water; and

16 (C) to the maximum extent practicable, in-
17 spect watercraft in a manner that minimizes
18 disruptions to public access for boating and
19 recreation in noncontaminated watercraft.

20 (3) PARTNERSHIPS.—The Secretaries may
21 enter into a partnership to provide technical assist-
22 ance to a partner—

23 (A) to carry out an inspection or decon-
24 tamination of watercraft; or

1 (B) to establish an inspection and decon-
2 tamination station for watercraft.

3 (4) DATA SHARING.—The Secretaries shall
4 make available to a Reclamation State any data
5 gathered relating to inspections carried out in the
6 Reclamation State under this subsection.

7 (b) GRANT PROGRAM FOR RECLAMATION STATES
8 FOR WATERCRAFT INSPECTION AND DECONTAMINATION
9 STATIONS.—

10 (1) WATERCRAFT INSPECTION IN RECLAMATION
11 STATES.—Subject to the availability of appropria-
12 tions, the Secretary of the Interior, acting through
13 the Commissioner of Reclamation (referred to in this
14 subsection as the “Secretary”), shall establish a
15 competitive grant program to provide grants to part-
16 ners to conduct inspections and decontamination of
17 watercraft in reservoirs operated and maintained by
18 the Secretary, including to purchase, establish, oper-
19 ate, or maintain a watercraft inspection and decon-
20 tamination station.

21 (2) COST SHARE.—The Federal share of the
22 cost of a grant under paragraph (1), including per-
23 sonnel costs, shall not exceed 75 percent.

24 (3) STANDARDS.—Before awarding a grant
25 under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall determine

1 that the project is technically and financially fea-
2 sible.

3 (4) COORDINATION.—In carrying out this sub-
4 section, the Secretary shall coordinate with—

5 (A) each of the Reclamation States;

6 (B) affected Indian Tribes; and

7 (C) the Aquatic Nuisance Species Task
8 Force.

9 (c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
10 authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
11 \$25,000,000 for fiscal year 2025 and each fiscal year
12 thereafter.

13 **SEC. 4. TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS TO THE NONINDIGE-**
14 **NOUS AQUATIC NUISANCE PREVENTION AND**
15 **CONTROL ACT OF 1990.**

16 (a) PURPOSES.—Section 1002(b) of the Nonindige-
17 nous Aquatic Nuisance Prevention and Control Act of
18 1990 (16 U.S.C. 4701(b)) is amended—

19 (1) in paragraph (2)—

20 (A) by inserting a comma after “preven-
21 tion”; and

22 (B) by inserting a comma after “dissemi-
23 nation”; and

24 (2) in paragraph (3), by inserting a comma
25 after “monitor”.

1 (b) PREVENTION OF UNINTENTIONAL INTRODUC-
2 TIONS.—Section 1301(a)(2) of the Nonindigenous Aquatic
3 Nuisance Prevention and Control Act of 1990 (16 U.S.C.
4 4741(a)(2)) is amended by striking “1102(a)(2)” and in-
5 serting “1102(a)(2)”.

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