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To provide for the preservation of America’s outdoor heritage and enhance recreation opportunities on Federal land, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. THOMPSON of California introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committees on the Judiciary, Agriculture, Transportation and Infrastructure, and Appropriations, 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

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## A BILL

To provide for the preservation of America’s outdoor heritage and enhance recreation opportunities on Federal land, and for other purposes.

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; SECRETARY DEFINED; TABLE OF**  
4 **CONTENTS.**

5 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the  
6 “Authorizing Critical Conservation and Enabling Sports-  
7 men and Sportswomen Act” or the “ACCESS Act”.

1 (b) SECRETARY DEFINED.—For the purposes of this  
2 Act, the term “Secretary” means the Secretary of the In-  
3 terior unless otherwise specifically indicated.

4 (c) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents for  
5 this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title; Secretary defined; table of contents.

TITLE I—NORTH AMERICAN WETLANDS CONSERVATION ACT  
REAUTHORIZATION

Sec. 101. North American Wetlands Conservation Act.

TITLE II—UNITED STATES FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE  
RESOURCE PROTECTION

Sec. 201. Short title.

Sec. 202. Definitions.

Sec. 203. Liability.

Sec. 204. Actions.

Sec. 205. Use of recovered amounts.

Sec. 206. Donations.

Sec. 207. Transfer of funds from Natural Resource Damage Assessment and  
Restoration Fund.

TITLE III—GREAT LAKES MONITORING, ASSESSMENT, SCIENCE,  
AND RESEARCH

Sec. 301. Great Lakes monitoring, assessment, science, and research.

TITLE IV—NATIONAL FISH AND WILDLIFE FOUNDATION  
ESTABLISHMENT ACT REAUTHORIZATION

Sec. 401. National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Establishment Act.

TITLE V—FISH HABITAT CONSERVATION

Sec. 501. National fish habitat conservation through partnerships.

TITLE VI—TARGET PRACTICE AND MARKSMANSHIP TRAINING  
SUPPORT

Sec. 601. Short title.

Sec. 602. Definition of public target range.

Sec. 603. Amendments to Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act.

Sec. 604. Limits on liability.

Sec. 605. Sense of Congress regarding cooperation.

TITLE VII—WILDLIFE AND HUNTING HERITAGE CONSERVATION  
COUNCIL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Sec. 701. Wildlife and Hunting Heritage Conservation Council Advisory Com-  
mittee.

## TITLE VIII—FILM CREWS

Sec. 801. Commercial filming.

## TITLE IX—CHESAPEAKE BAY

Sec. 901. Reauthorization of Chesapeake Bay Program.

Sec. 902. Reauthorization of Chesapeake Bay Initiative Act of 1998.

## TITLE X—CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE MANAGEMENT

Sec. 1001. Short title.

Sec. 1002. Definitions.

Sec. 1003. Findings.

Sec. 1004. Support for State efforts to manage and control chronic wasting disease.

Sec. 1005. Support for applied research regarding chronic wasting disease.

Sec. 1006. Multi-agency cooperation with States to address chronic wasting disease.

## TITLE XI—CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE TRANSMISSION IN CERVIDAE STUDY

Sec. 1101. Short title.

Sec. 1102. Findings.

Sec. 1103. Chronic wasting disease transmission in cervidae resource study.

Sec. 1104. Definitions.

## TITLE XII—MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

Sec. 1201. Respect for treaties and rights.

Sec. 1202. No priority over other uses.

Sec. 1203. State authority for fish and wildlife.

1 **TITLE I—NORTH AMERICAN**  
 2 **WETLANDS CONSERVATION**  
 3 **ACT REAUTHORIZATION**

4 **SEC. 101. NORTH AMERICAN WETLANDS CONSERVATION**  
 5 **ACT.**

6 (a) REAL PROPERTY.—Section 6(a)(3) of the North  
 7 American Wetlands Conservation Act (16 U.S.C.  
 8 4405(a)(3)) is amended—

9 (1) by striking “(3) in lieu of” and inserting  
 10 the following:

1           “(3) PROVISION OF FUNDS OR CONVEYANCE OF  
2 REAL PROPERTY INTEREST.—

3           “(A) IN GENERAL.—In lieu of”;

4           (2) in the second sentence, by striking “The  
5 Secretary shall” and inserting the following:

6           “(B) DETERMINATION.—The Secretary  
7 shall”; and

8           (3) by striking the third sentence and inserting  
9 the following:

10           “(C) REAL PROPERTY.—Any real property  
11 interest conveyed under this paragraph shall be  
12 subject to terms and conditions that ensure  
13 that—

14           “(i) the real property interest will be  
15 administered for the long-term conserva-  
16 tion and management of the wetland eco-  
17 system and the fish and wildlife dependent  
18 on that ecosystem;

19           “(ii) the grantor of a real property in-  
20 terest has been provided with information  
21 relating to all available conservation op-  
22 tions, including conservation options that  
23 involve the conveyance of a real property  
24 interest for a limited period of time; and

1 “(iii) the provision of the information  
2 described in clause (ii) has been docu-  
3 mented.”.

4 (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section  
5 7(c) of the North American Wetlands Conservation Act  
6 (16 U.S.C. 4406(c)) is amended—

7 (1) in paragraph (4), by striking “and”;

8 (2) in paragraph (5), by striking the period at  
9 the end and inserting “; and”; and

10 (3) by adding at the end the following:

11 “(6) \$75,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2020  
12 through 2024.”.

13 **TITLE II—UNITED STATES FISH**  
14 **AND WILDLIFE SERVICE RE-**  
15 **SOURCE PROTECTION**

16 **SEC. 201. SHORT TITLE.**

17 This title may be cited as the “United States Fish  
18 and Wildlife Service Resource Protection Act”.

19 **SEC. 202. DEFINITIONS.**

20 In this title:

21 (1) DAMAGES.—The term “damages” means—

22 (A) compensation for—

23 (i)(I) the cost of replacing, restoring,  
24 or acquiring the equivalent of a system re-  
25 source; and

1 (II) the value of any significant loss of  
2 use of a system resource, pending—

3 (aa) restoration or replacement  
4 of the system resource; or

5 (bb) the acquisition of an equiva-  
6 lent resource; or

7 (ii) the value of a system resource, if  
8 the system resource cannot be replaced or  
9 restored; and

10 (B) the cost of any relevant damage as-  
11 sessment carried out pursuant to section  
12 204(c).

13 (2) RESPONSE COST.—The term “response  
14 cost” means the cost of any action carried out by  
15 the Secretary—

16 (A) to prevent, minimize, or abate destruc-  
17 tion or loss of, or injury to, a system resource;

18 (B) to abate or minimize the imminent risk  
19 of such destruction, loss, or injury; or

20 (C) to monitor the ongoing effects of any  
21 incident causing such destruction, loss, or in-  
22 jury.

23 (3) SYSTEM RESOURCE.—The term “system re-  
24 source” means any living, nonliving, historical, cul-

1 tural, or archeological resource that is located within  
2 the boundaries of—

3 (A) a unit of the National Wildlife Refuge  
4 System;

5 (B) a unit of the National Fish Hatchery  
6 System; or

7 (C) any other land managed by the United  
8 States Fish and Wildlife Service, including any  
9 land managed cooperatively with any other Fed-  
10 eral or State agency.

11 **SEC. 203. LIABILITY.**

12 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subsection (c), any in-  
13 dividual or entity that destroys, causes the loss of, or in-  
14 jures any system resource, or that causes the Secretary  
15 to carry out any action to prevent, minimize, or abate de-  
16 struction or loss of, or injuries or risk to, any system re-  
17 source, shall be liable to the United States for any re-  
18 sponse costs or damages resulting from the destruction,  
19 loss, or injury.

20 (b) LIABILITY IN REM.—Any instrumentality (includ-  
21 ing a vessel, vehicle, aircraft, or other equipment or mech-  
22 anism) that destroys, causes the loss of, or injures any  
23 system resource, or that causes the Secretary to carry out  
24 any action to prevent, minimize, or abate destruction or  
25 loss of, or injury or risk to, a system resource shall be

1 liable in rem to the United States for any response costs  
2 or damages resulting from the destruction, loss, or injury,  
3 to the same extent that an individual or entity is liable  
4 under subsection (a).

5 (c) DEFENSES.—An individual or entity shall not be  
6 liable under this section, if the individual or entity can  
7 establish that—

8 (1) the destruction or loss of, or injury to, the  
9 system resource was caused solely by an act of God  
10 or an act of war; or

11 (2)(A) the individual or entity exercised due  
12 care; and

13 (B) the destruction or loss of, or injury to, the  
14 system resource was caused solely by an act or omis-  
15 sion of a third party, other than an employee or  
16 agent of the individual or entity.

17 (d) SCOPE.—The liability established by this section  
18 shall be in addition to any other liability arising under  
19 Federal or State law.

20 **SEC. 204. ACTIONS.**

21 (a) CIVIL ACTIONS FOR RESPONSE COSTS AND DAM-  
22 AGES.—The Attorney General, on request of the Sec-  
23 retary, may commence a civil action in the United States  
24 district court of appropriate jurisdiction against any indi-



1 vidual, entity, or instrumentality that may be liable under  
2 section 203 for response costs or damages.

3 (b) ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS FOR RESPONSE  
4 COSTS AND DAMAGES.—

5 (1) ACTION BY SECRETARY.—

6 (A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph  
7 (2), the Secretary, after making a finding de-  
8 scribed in subparagraph (B), may consider,  
9 compromise, and settle a claim for response  
10 costs and damages if the claim has not been re-  
11 ferred to the Attorney General under subsection  
12 (a).

13 (B) DESCRIPTION OF FINDINGS.—A find-  
14 ing referred to in subparagraph (A) is a finding  
15 that—

16 (i) destruction or loss of, or injury to,  
17 a system resource has occurred; or

18 (ii) such destruction, loss, or injury  
19 would occur absent an action by the Sec-  
20 retary to prevent, minimize, or abate the  
21 destruction, loss, or injury.

22 (2) REQUIREMENT.—In any case in which the  
23 total amount to be recovered in a civil action under  
24 subsection (a) may exceed \$500,000 (excluding in-  
25 terest), a claim may be compromised and settled

1 under paragraph (1) only with the prior written ap-  
2 proval of the Attorney General.

3 (c) RESPONSE ACTIONS, ASSESSMENTS OF DAM-  
4 AGES, AND INJUNCTIVE RELIEF.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may carry out  
6 all necessary actions (including making a request to  
7 the Attorney General to seek injunctive relief)—

8 (A) to prevent, minimize, or abate destruc-  
9 tion or loss of, or injury to, a system resource;  
10 or

11 (B) to abate or minimize the imminent risk  
12 of such destruction, loss, or injury.

13 (2) ASSESSMENT AND MONITORING.—

14 (A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may as-  
15 sess and monitor the destruction or loss of, or  
16 injury to, any system resource for purposes of  
17 paragraph (1).

18 (B) JUDICIAL REVIEW.—Any determina-  
19 tion or assessment of damage to a system re-  
20 source carried out under subparagraph (A)  
21 shall be subject to judicial review under sub-  
22 chapter II of chapter 5, and chapter 7, of title  
23 5, United States Code (commonly known as the  
24 “Administrative Procedure Act”), on the basis

1           of the administrative record developed by the  
2           Secretary.

3 **SEC. 205. USE OF RECOVERED AMOUNTS.**

4           (a) IN GENERAL.—An amount equal to the total  
5 amount of the response costs and damages recovered by  
6 the Secretary under this title and any amounts recovered  
7 by the Federal Government under any provision of Fed-  
8 eral, State, or local law (including regulations) or other-  
9 wise as a result of the destruction or loss of, or injury  
10 to, any system resource shall be made available to the Sec-  
11 retary, without further appropriation, for use in accord-  
12 ance with subsection (b).

13           (b) USE.—The Secretary may use amounts made  
14 available under subsection (a) only, in accordance with ap-  
15 plicable law—

16           (1) to reimburse response costs and damage as-  
17 sessments carried out pursuant to this title by the  
18 Secretary or such other Federal agency as the Sec-  
19 retary determines to be appropriate;

20           (2) to restore, replace, or acquire the equivalent  
21 of a system resource that was destroyed, lost, or in-  
22 jured; or

23           (3) to monitor and study system resources.

1 **SEC. 206. DONATIONS.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—In addition to any other authority  
3 to accept donations, the Secretary may accept donations  
4 of money or services for expenditure or use to meet ex-  
5 pected, immediate, or ongoing response costs and dam-  
6 ages.

7 (b) TIMING.—A donation described in subsection (a)  
8 may be expended or used at any time after acceptance of  
9 the donation, without further action by Congress.

10 **SEC. 207. TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM NATURAL RESOURCE**  
11 **DAMAGE ASSESSMENT AND RESTORATION**  
12 **FUND.**

13 The matter under the heading “NATURAL RESOURCE  
14 DAMAGE ASSESSMENT AND RESTORATION FUND” under  
15 the heading “UNITED STATES FISH AND WILDLIFE SERV-  
16 ICE” of title I of the Department of the Interior and Re-  
17 lated Agencies Appropriations Act, 1994 (43 U.S.C.  
18 1474b–1), is amended by striking “*Provided, That*” and  
19 all that follows through “activities.” and inserting the fol-  
20 lowing: “*Provided, That* notwithstanding any other provi-  
21 sion of law, any amounts appropriated or credited during  
22 fiscal year 1992 or any fiscal year thereafter may be trans-  
23 ferred to any account (including through a payment to any  
24 Federal or non-Federal trustee) to carry out a negotiated  
25 legal settlement or other legal action for a restoration ac-  
26 tivity under the Comprehensive Environmental Response,

1 Compensation, and Liability Act (42 U.S.C. 9601 et seq.),  
 2 the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1251  
 3 et seq.), the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (33 U.S.C. 2701  
 4 et seq.), the Act of July 27, 1990 (16 U.S.C. 19jj et seq.),  
 5 or the United States Fish and Wildlife Service Resource  
 6 Protection Act, or for any damage assessment activity:  
 7 *Provided further*, That sums provided by any individual  
 8 or entity before or after the date of enactment of this Act  
 9 shall remain available until expended and shall not be lim-  
 10 ited to monetary payments, but may include stocks, bonds,  
 11 or other personal or real property, which may be retained,  
 12 liquidated, or otherwise disposed of by the Secretary for  
 13 the restoration of injured resources or to conduct any new  
 14 damage assessment activity.”.

15 **TITLE III—GREAT LAKES MONI-**  
 16 **TORING, ASSESSMENT,**  
 17 **SCIENCE, AND RESEARCH**

18 **SEC. 301. GREAT LAKES MONITORING, ASSESSMENT,**  
 19 **SCIENCE, AND RESEARCH.**

20 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

21 (1) DIRECTOR.—The term “Director” means  
 22 the Director of the United States Geological Survey.

23 (2) GREAT LAKES BASIN.—The term “Great  
 24 Lakes Basin” means the air, land, water, and living  
 25 organisms in the United States within the drainage

1 basin of the Saint Lawrence River at and upstream  
2 from the point at which such river and the Great  
3 Lakes become the international boundary between  
4 Canada and the United States.

5 (b) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

6 (1) The Great Lakes support a diverse eco-  
7 system, on which the vibrant and economically valu-  
8 able Great Lakes fisheries depend.

9 (2) To continue successful fisheries manage-  
10 ment and coordination, as has occurred since signing  
11 of the Convention on Great Lakes Fisheries between  
12 the United States and Canada on September 10,  
13 1954, management of the ecosystem and its fisheries  
14 require sound, reliable science, and the use of mod-  
15 ern scientific technologies.

16 (3) Fisheries research is necessary to support  
17 multi-jurisdictional fishery management decisions  
18 and actions regarding recreational and sport fishing,  
19 commercial fisheries, Tribal harvest, allocation deci-  
20 sions, and fish stocking activities.

21 (4) President Richard Nixon submitted, and the  
22 Congress approved, Reorganization Plan No. 4 (84  
23 Stat. 2090), conferring science activities and man-  
24 agement of marine fisheries to the National Oceanic  
25 and Atmospheric Administration.

1           (5) Reorganization Plan No. 4 expressly ex-  
2           cluded fishery research activities within the Great  
3           Lakes from the transfer, retaining management and  
4           scientific research duties within the already-estab-  
5           lished jurisdictions under the 1954 Convention on  
6           Great Lakes Fisheries, including those of the Great  
7           Lakes Fishery Commission and the Department of  
8           the Interior.

9           (c) MONITORING, ASSESSMENT, SCIENCE, AND RE-  
10          SEARCH.—

11           (1) IN GENERAL.—The Director may conduct  
12           monitoring, assessment, science, and research, in  
13           support of the binational fisheries within the Great  
14           Lakes Basin.

15           (2) SPECIFIC AUTHORITIES.—The Director  
16           shall, under paragraph (1)—

17                   (A) execute a comprehensive, multi-lake,  
18                   freshwater fisheries science program;

19                   (B) coordinate with and work cooperatively  
20                   with regional, State, Tribal, and local govern-  
21                   ments; and

22                   (C) consult with other interested entities  
23                   groups, including academia and relevant Cana-  
24                   dian agencies.

1           (3) INCLUDED RESEARCH.—To properly serve  
2 the needs of fisheries managers, monitoring, assess-  
3 ment, science, and research under this section may  
4 include—

5           (A) deepwater ecosystem sciences;

6           (B) biological and food-web components;

7           (C) fish movement and behavior investiga-  
8 tions;

9           (D) fish population structures;

10          (E) fish habitat investigations;

11          (F) invasive species science;

12          (G) use of existing, new, and experimental  
13 biological assessment tools, equipment, vessels,  
14 other scientific instrumentation and laboratory  
15 capabilities necessary to support fishery man-  
16 agement decisions; and

17          (H) studies to assess impacts on Great  
18 Lakes Fishery resources.

19           (4) SAVINGS CLAUSE.—Nothing in this section  
20 is intended or shall be construed to impede, super-  
21 sede, or alter the authority of the Great Lakes Fish-  
22 ery Commission, States, and Indian Tribes under  
23 the Convention on Great Lakes Fisheries between  
24 the United States of America and Canada on Sep-



1       tember 10, 1954, and the Great Lakes Fishery Act  
2       of 1956 (16 U.S.C. 931 et seq.).

3       (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—For  
4 each of fiscal years 2020 through 2024, there is author-  
5 ized to be appropriated \$15,000,000 to carry out this sec-  
6 tion.

7       **TITLE IV—NATIONAL FISH AND**  
8       **WILDLIFE FOUNDATION ES-**  
9       **TABLISHMENT ACT REAU-**  
10       **THORIZATION**

11       **SEC. 401. NATIONAL FISH AND WILDLIFE FOUNDATION ES-**  
12       **TABLISHMENT ACT.**

13       (a) BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF FOUNDATION.—

14               (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 3 of the National  
15 Fish and Wildlife Foundation Establishment Act (16  
16 U.S.C. 3702) is amended—

17                       (A) in subsection (b)—

18                               (i) by striking paragraph (2) and in-  
19 sserting the following:

20                       “(2) IN GENERAL.—After consulting with the  
21 Secretary of Commerce and considering the rec-  
22 ommendations submitted by the Board, the Sec-  
23 retary of the Interior shall appoint 28 Directors  
24 who, to the maximum extent practicable, shall—

1           “(A) be knowledgeable and experienced in  
2 matters relating to the conservation of fish,  
3 wildlife, or other natural resources; and

4           “(B) represent a balance of expertise in  
5 ocean, coastal, freshwater, and terrestrial re-  
6 source conservation.”; and

7           (ii) by striking paragraph (3) and in-  
8 serting the following:

9           “(3) TERMS.—Each Director (other than a Di-  
10 rector described in paragraph (1)) shall be appointed  
11 for a term of 6 years.”; and

12           (B) in subsection (g)(2)—

13           (i) in subparagraph (A), by striking  
14 “(A) Officers and employees may not be  
15 appointed until the Foundation has suffi-  
16 cient funds to pay them for their service.  
17 Officers” and inserting the following:

18           “(A) IN GENERAL.—Officers”; and

19           (ii) by striking subparagraph (B) and  
20 inserting the following:

21           “(B) EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.—The Foun-  
22 dation shall have an Executive Director who  
23 shall be—

1           “(i) appointed by, and serve at the di-  
2           rection of, the Board as the chief executive  
3           officer of the Foundation; and

4           “(ii) knowledgeable and experienced in  
5           matters relating to fish and wildlife con-  
6           servation.”.

7           (2)    CONFORMING    AMENDMENT.—Section  
8           4(a)(1)(B) of the North American Wetlands Con-  
9           servation Act (16 U.S.C. 4403(a)(1)(B)) is amended  
10          by striking “Secretary of the Board” and inserting  
11          “Executive Director of the Board”.

12          (b) RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF FOUNDATION.—  
13          Section 4 of the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation  
14          Establishment Act (16 U.S.C. 3703) is amended—

15               (1) in subsection (c)—

16                   (A) in paragraph (4), by striking “that are  
17                   insured by an agency or instrumentality of the  
18                   United States” and inserting “at 1 or more fi-  
19                   nancial institutions that are members of the  
20                   Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or the  
21                   Securities Investment Protection Corporation”;

22                   (B) in paragraph (5), by striking “para-  
23                   graph (3) or (4)” and inserting “subparagraph  
24                   (C) or (D)”;

1 (C) in paragraph (10), by striking “; and”  
2 and inserting a semicolon;

3 (D) by striking paragraph (11);

4 (E) by striking “For the purposes” and all  
5 that follows through “of the Foundation.”;

6 (F) by inserting after paragraph (10) the  
7 following:

8 “(11) to receive and administer restitution and  
9 community service payments, amounts for mitigation  
10 of impacts to natural resources, and other amounts  
11 arising from legal, regulatory, or administrative pro-  
12 ceedings, subject to the condition that the amounts  
13 are received or administered for purposes that fur-  
14 ther the conservation and management of fish, wild-  
15 life, plants, and other natural resources; and

16 “(12) to do acts necessary to carry out the pur-  
17 poses of the Foundation.”;

18 (G) by striking “(c) POWERS.—To carry  
19 out its purposes under” and inserting the fol-  
20 lowing:

21 “(c) POWERS.—

22 “(1) IN GENERAL.—To carry out the purposes  
23 described in”;

24 (H) by redesignating paragraphs (1)  
25 through (12) as subparagraphs (A) through

1 (L), respectively, and indenting appropriately;  
2 and

3 (I) by inserting after subparagraph (L) the  
4 following:

5 “(2) TREATMENT OF REAL PROPERTY.—

6 “(A) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of this  
7 Act, an interest in real property shall be treated  
8 as including easements or other rights for pres-  
9 ervation, conservation, protection, or enhance-  
10 ment by and for the public of natural, scenic,  
11 historic, scientific, educational, inspirational, or  
12 recreational resources.

13 “(B) ENCUMBERED REAL PROPERTY.—A  
14 gift, devise, or bequest may be accepted by the  
15 Foundation even though the gift, devise, or be-  
16 quest is encumbered, restricted, or subject to  
17 beneficial interests of private persons if any  
18 current or future interest in the gift, devise, or  
19 bequest is for the benefit of the Foundation.

20 “(3) SAVINGS CLAUSE.—The acceptance and  
21 administration of amounts by the Foundation under  
22 paragraph (1)(K) does not alter, supersede, or limit  
23 any regulatory or statutory requirement associated  
24 with those amounts.”;

25 (2) by striking subsections (f) and (g); and

1           (3) by redesignating subsections (h) and (i) as  
2           subsections (f) and (g), respectively.

3           (c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section  
4           10 of the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Estab-  
5           lishment Act (16 U.S.C. 3709) is amended—

6           (1) in subsection (a), by striking paragraph (1)  
7           and inserting the following:

8           “(1) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be  
9           appropriated to carry out this Act for each of fiscal  
10          years 2020 through 2024—

11           “(A) \$15,000,000 to the Secretary of the  
12          Interior;

13           “(B) \$5,000,000 to the Secretary of Agri-  
14          culture; and

15           “(C) \$5,000,000 to the Secretary of Com-  
16          merce.”;

17          (2) in subsection (b)—

18           (A) by striking paragraph (1) and insert-  
19          ing the following:

20          “(1) AMOUNTS FROM FEDERAL AGENCIES.—

21           “(A) IN GENERAL.—In addition to the  
22          amounts authorized to be appropriated under  
23          subsection (a), Federal departments, agencies,  
24          or instrumentalities are authorized to provide  
25          funds to the Foundation through Federal finan-

1           cial assistance grants and cooperative agree-  
2           ments, subject to the condition that the  
3           amounts are used for purposes that further the  
4           conservation and management of fish, wildlife,  
5           plants, and other natural resources in accord-  
6           ance with this Act.

7           “(B) ADVANCES.—Federal departments,  
8           agencies, or instrumentalities may advance  
9           amounts described in subparagraph (A) to the  
10          Foundation in a lump sum without regard to  
11          when the expenses for which the amounts are  
12          used are incurred.

13          “(C) MANAGEMENT FEES.—The Founda-  
14          tion may assess and collect fees for the manage-  
15          ment of amounts received under this para-  
16          graph.”;

17          (B) in paragraph (2)—

18                  (i) in the paragraph heading, by strik-  
19                  ing “FUNDS” and inserting “AMOUNTS”;

20                  (ii) by striking “shall be used” and in-  
21                  serting “may be used”; and

22                  (iii) by striking “and State and local  
23                  government agencies” and inserting “,  
24                  State and local government agencies, and  
25                  other entities”; and

1 (C) by adding at the end the following:

2 “(3) ADMINISTRATION OF AMOUNTS.—

3 “(A) IN GENERAL.—In entering into con-  
4 tracts, agreements, or other partnerships pursu-  
5 ant to this Act, a Federal department, agency,  
6 or instrumentality shall have discretion to waive  
7 any competitive process applicable to the de-  
8 partment, agency, or instrumentality for enter-  
9 ing into contracts, agreements, or partnerships  
10 with the Foundation if the purpose of the waiv-  
11 er is—

12 “(i) to address an environmental  
13 emergency resulting from a natural or  
14 other disaster; or

15 “(ii) as determined by the head of the  
16 applicable Federal department, agency, or  
17 instrumentality, to reduce administrative  
18 expenses and expedite the conservation and  
19 management of fish, wildlife, plants, and  
20 other natural resources.

21 “(B) REPORTS.—The Foundation shall in-  
22 clude in the annual report submitted under sec-  
23 tion 7(b) a description of any use of the author-  
24 ity under subparagraph (A) by a Federal de-



1           partment, agency, or instrumentality in that fis-  
2           cal year.”; and

3           (3) by adding at the end the following:

4           “(d) USE OF GIFTS, DEVISES, OR BEQUESTS OF  
5 MONEY OR OTHER PROPERTY.—Any gifts, devises, or be-  
6 quests of amounts or other property, or any other amounts  
7 or other property, transferred to, deposited with, or other-  
8 wise in the possession of the Foundation pursuant to this  
9 Act, may be made available by the Foundation to Federal  
10 departments, agencies, or instrumentalities and may be  
11 accepted and expended (or the disposition of the amounts  
12 or property directed), without further appropriation, by  
13 those Federal departments, agencies, or instrumentalities,  
14 subject to the condition that the amounts or property be  
15 used for purposes that further the conservation and man-  
16 agement of fish, wildlife, plants, and other natural re-  
17 sources.”.

18           (d) LIMITATION ON AUTHORITY.—Section 11 of the  
19 National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Establishment Act  
20 (16 U.S.C. 3710) is amended by inserting “exclusive” be-  
21 fore “authority”.

1                   **TITLE V—FISH HABITAT**  
2                   **CONSERVATION**

3 **SEC. 501. NATIONAL FISH HABITAT CONSERVATION**  
4                   **THROUGH PARTNERSHIPS.**

5           (a) **PURPOSE.**—The purpose of this section is to en-  
6 courage partnerships among public agencies and other in-  
7 terested parties to promote fish conservation—

8                   (1) to achieve measurable habitat conservation  
9 results through strategic actions of Fish Habitat  
10 Partnerships that lead to better fish habitat condi-  
11 tions and increased fishing opportunities by—

12                           (A) improving ecological conditions;

13                           (B) restoring natural processes; or

14                           (C) preventing the decline of intact and  
15 healthy systems;

16                   (2) to establish a consensus set of national con-  
17 servation strategies as a framework to guide future  
18 actions and investment by Fish Habitat Partner-  
19 ships;

20                   (3) to broaden the community of support for  
21 fish habitat conservation by—

22                           (A) increasing fishing opportunities;

23                           (B) fostering the participation of local  
24 communities, especially young people in local  
25 communities, in conservation activities; and

1 (C) raising public awareness of the role  
2 healthy fish habitat play in the quality of life  
3 and economic well-being of local communities;

4 (4) to fill gaps in the National Fish Habitat As-  
5 sessment and the associated database of the Na-  
6 tional Fish Habitat Assessment—

7 (A) to empower strategic conservation ac-  
8 tions supported by broadly available scientific  
9 information; and

10 (B) to integrate socioeconomic data in the  
11 analysis to improve the lives of humans in a  
12 manner consistent with fish habitat conserva-  
13 tion goals; and

14 (5) to communicate to the public and conserva-  
15 tion partners—

16 (A) the conservation outcomes produced  
17 collectively by Fish Habitat Partnerships; and

18 (B) new opportunities and voluntary ap-  
19 proaches for conserving fish habitat.

20 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

21 (1) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-  
22 TEES.—The term “appropriate congressional com-  
23 mittees” means—

1 (A) the Committee on Commerce, Science,  
2 and Transportation and the Committee on En-  
3 vironment and Public Works of the Senate; and

4 (B) the Committee on Natural Resources  
5 of the House of Representatives.

6 (2) BOARD.—The term “Board” means the Na-  
7 tional Fish Habitat Board established by subsection  
8 (c)(1)(A).

9 (3) DIRECTOR.—The term “Director” means  
10 the Director of the United States Fish and Wildlife  
11 Service.

12 (4) EPA ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR.—The  
13 term “EPA Assistant Administrator” means the As-  
14 sistant Administrator for Water of the Environ-  
15 mental Protection Agency.

16 (5) INDIAN TRIBE.—The term “Indian Tribe”  
17 has the meaning given the term in section 4 of the  
18 Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance  
19 Act (25 U.S.C. 5304).

20 (6) NOAA ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR.—The  
21 term “NOAA Assistant Administrator” means the  
22 Assistant Administrator for Fisheries of the Na-  
23 tional Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

24 (7) PARTNERSHIP.—The term “Partnership”  
25 means a self-governed entity designated by Congress

1 as a Fish Habitat Partnership under subsection  
2 (d)(6) after a recommendation by the Board under  
3 subsection (d)(1).

4 (8) REAL PROPERTY INTEREST.—The term  
5 “real property interest” means an ownership interest  
6 in—

7 (A) land; or

8 (B) water (including water rights).

9 (9) STATE.—The term “State” means each of  
10 the several States.

11 (10) STATE AGENCY.—The term “State agen-  
12 cy” means—

13 (A) the fish and wildlife agency of a State;  
14 and

15 (B) any department or division of a de-  
16 partment or agency of a State that manages in  
17 the public trust the inland or marine fishery re-  
18 sources or sustains the habitat for those fishery  
19 resources of the State pursuant to State law or  
20 the constitution of the State.

21 (c) NATIONAL FISH HABITAT BOARD.—

22 (1) ESTABLISHMENT.—

23 (A) FISH HABITAT BOARD.—There is es-  
24 tablished a board, to be known as the National  
25 Fish Habitat Board, whose duties are—

1 (i) to promote, oversee, and coordinate  
2 the implementation of this section;

3 (ii) to establish national goals and pri-  
4 orities for fish habitat conservation;

5 (iii) to recommend to Congress enti-  
6 ties for designation as Partnerships; and

7 (iv) to review and make recommenda-  
8 tions regarding fish habitat conservation  
9 projects.

10 (B) MEMBERSHIP.—The Board shall be  
11 composed of 25 members, of whom—

12 (i) 1 shall be a representative of the  
13 Department of the Interior;

14 (ii) 1 shall be a representative of the  
15 United States Geological Survey;

16 (iii) 1 shall be a representative of the  
17 Department of Commerce;

18 (iv) 1 shall be a representative of the  
19 Department of Agriculture;

20 (v) 1 shall be a representative of the  
21 Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies;

22 (vi) 4 shall be representatives of State  
23 agencies, 1 of whom shall be nominated by  
24 a regional association of fish and wildlife  
25 agencies from each of the Northeast,

1 Southeast, Midwest, and Western regions  
2 of the United States;

3 (vii) 1 shall be a representative of ei-  
4 ther—

5 (I) Indian Tribes in the State of  
6 Alaska; or

7 (II) Indian Tribes in States other  
8 than the State of Alaska;

9 (viii) 1 shall be a representative of ei-  
10 ther—

11 (I) the Regional Fishery Manage-  
12 ment Councils established under sec-  
13 tion 302 of the Magnuson-Stevens  
14 Fishery Conservation and Manage-  
15 ment Act (16 U.S.C. 1852); or

16 (II) the Marine Fisheries Com-  
17 missions, which is composed of—

18 (aa) the Atlantic States Ma-  
19 rine Fisheries Commission;

20 (bb) the Gulf States Marine  
21 Fisheries Commission; and

22 (cc) the Pacific States Ma-  
23 rine Fisheries Commission;

1 (ix) 1 shall be a representative of the  
2 Sportfishing and Boating Partnership  
3 Council;

4 (x) 7 shall be representatives selected  
5 from each of—

6 (I) the recreational sportfishing  
7 industry;

8 (II) the commercial fishing in-  
9 dustry;

10 (III) marine recreational anglers;

11 (IV) freshwater recreational an-  
12 glers;

13 (V) habitat conservation organi-  
14 zations; and

15 (VI) science-based fishery organi-  
16 zations;

17 (xi) 1 shall be a representative of a  
18 national private landowner organization;

19 (xii) 1 shall be a representative of an  
20 agricultural production organization;

21 (xiii) 1 shall be a representative of  
22 local government interests involved in fish  
23 habitat restoration;



1                   (xiv) 2 shall be representatives from  
2                   different sectors of corporate industries,  
3                   which may include—

4                   (I) natural resource commodity  
5                   interests, such as petroleum or min-  
6                   eral extraction;

7                   (II) natural resource user indus-  
8                   tries; and

9                   (III) industries with an interest  
10                  in fish and fish habitat conservation;  
11                  and

12                 (xv) 1 shall be a leadership private  
13                 sector or landowner representative of an  
14                 active Partnership.

15                 (C) COMPENSATION.—A member of the  
16                 Board shall serve without compensation.

17                 (D) TRAVEL EXPENSES.—A member of the  
18                 Board may be allowed travel expenses, includ-  
19                 ing per diem in lieu of subsistence, at rates au-  
20                 thorized for an employee of an agency under  
21                 subchapter I of chapter 57 of title 5, United  
22                 States Code, while away from the home or reg-  
23                 ular place of business of the member in the per-  
24                 formance of the duties of the Board.

25                 (2) APPOINTMENT AND TERMS.—

1 (A) IN GENERAL.—Except as otherwise  
2 provided in this subsection, a member of the  
3 Board described in any of clauses (vi) through  
4 (xiv) of paragraph (1)(B) shall serve for a term  
5 of 3 years.

6 (B) INITIAL BOARD MEMBERSHIP.—

7 (i) IN GENERAL.—The initial Board  
8 will consist of representatives as described  
9 in clauses (i) through (vi) of paragraph  
10 (1)(B).

11 (ii) REMAINING MEMBERS.—Not later  
12 than 60 days after the date of enactment  
13 of this Act, the representatives of the ini-  
14 tial Board pursuant to clause (i) shall ap-  
15 point the remaining members of the Board  
16 described in clauses (viii) through (xiv) of  
17 paragraph (1)(B).

18 (iii) TRIBAL REPRESENTATIVES.—Not  
19 later than 60 days after the enactment of  
20 this Act, the Secretary shall provide to the  
21 Board a recommendation of not fewer than  
22 3 Tribal representatives, from which the  
23 Board shall appoint 1 representative pur-  
24 suant to paragraph (1)(B)(vii).

1 (C) TRANSITIONAL TERMS.—Of the mem-  
2 bers described in paragraph (1)(B)(x) initially  
3 appointed to the Board—

4 (i) 2 shall be appointed for a term of  
5 1 year;

6 (ii) 2 shall be appointed for a term of  
7 2 years; and

8 (iii) 3 shall be appointed for a term of  
9 3 years.

10 (D) VACANCIES.—

11 (i) IN GENERAL.—A vacancy of a  
12 member of the Board described in any of  
13 clauses (viii) through (xiv) of paragraph  
14 (1)(B) shall be filled by an appointment  
15 made by the remaining members of the  
16 Board.

17 (ii) TRIBAL REPRESENTATIVES.—Fol-  
18 lowing a vacancy of a member of the  
19 Board described in paragraph (1)(B)(vii),  
20 the Secretary shall recommend to the  
21 Board a list of not fewer than 3 Tribal  
22 representatives, from which the remaining  
23 members of the Board shall appoint a rep-  
24 resentative to fill the vacancy.

1 (E) CONTINUATION OF SERVICE.—An indi-  
2 vidual whose term of service as a member of the  
3 Board expires may continue to serve on the  
4 Board until a successor is appointed.

5 (F) REMOVAL.—If a member of the Board  
6 described in any of clauses (viii) through (xiv)  
7 of paragraph (1)(B) misses 3 consecutive regu-  
8 larly scheduled Board meetings, the members of  
9 the Board may—

10 (i) vote to remove that member; and

11 (ii) appoint another individual in ac-  
12 cordance with subparagraph (D).

13 (3) CHAIRPERSON.—

14 (A) IN GENERAL.—The representative of  
15 the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies  
16 appointed pursuant to paragraph (1)(B)(v)  
17 shall serve as Chairperson of the Board.

18 (B) TERM.—The Chairperson of the Board  
19 shall serve for a term of 3 years.

20 (4) MEETINGS.—

21 (A) IN GENERAL.—The Board shall  
22 meet—

23 (i) at the call of the Chairperson; but

24 (ii) not less frequently than twice each  
25 calendar year.

1 (B) PUBLIC ACCESS.—All meetings of the  
2 Board shall be open to the public.

3 (5) PROCEDURES.—

4 (A) IN GENERAL.—The Board shall estab-  
5 lish procedures to carry out the business of the  
6 Board, including—

7 (i) a requirement that a quorum of  
8 the members of the Board be present to  
9 transact business;

10 (ii) a requirement that no rec-  
11 ommendations may be adopted by the  
12 Board, except by the vote of  $\frac{2}{3}$  of all mem-  
13 bers;

14 (iii) procedures for establishing na-  
15 tional goals and priorities for fish habitat  
16 conservation for the purposes of this sec-  
17 tion;

18 (iv) procedures for designating Part-  
19 nerships under subsection (d); and

20 (v) procedures for reviewing, evalu-  
21 ating, and making recommendations re-  
22 garding fish habitat conservation projects.

23 (B) QUORUM.—A majority of the members  
24 of the Board shall constitute a quorum.

25 (d) FISH HABITAT PARTNERSHIPS.—

1           (1) AUTHORITY TO RECOMMEND.—The Board  
2           may recommend to Congress the designation of Fish  
3           Habitat Partnerships in accordance with this sub-  
4           section.

5           (2) PURPOSES.—The purposes of a Partnership  
6           shall be—

7                   (A) to work with other regional habitat  
8                   conservation programs to promote cooperation  
9                   and coordination to enhance fish and fish habi-  
10                  tats;

11                   (B) to engage local and regional commu-  
12                   nities to build support for fish habitat conserva-  
13                   tion;

14                   (C) to involve diverse groups of public and  
15                   private partners;

16                   (D) to develop collaboratively a strategic  
17                   vision and achievable implementation plan that  
18                   is scientifically sound;

19                   (E) to leverage funding from sources that  
20                   support local and regional Partnerships;

21                   (F) to use adaptive management prin-  
22                   ciples, including evaluation of project success  
23                   and functionality;

24                   (G) to develop appropriate local or regional  
25                   habitat evaluation and assessment measures

1 and criteria that are compatible with national  
2 habitat condition measures; and

3 (H) to implement local and regional pri-  
4 ority projects that improve conditions for fish  
5 and fish habitat.

6 (3) CRITERIA FOR DESIGNATION.—An entity  
7 seeking to be designated by Congress as a Partner-  
8 ship shall—

9 (A) submit to the Board an application at  
10 such time, in such manner, and containing such  
11 information as the Board may require; and

12 (B) demonstrate to the Board that the en-  
13 tity has—

14 (i) a focus on promoting the health of  
15 important fish and fish habitats;

16 (ii) an ability to coordinate the imple-  
17 mentation of priority projects that support  
18 the goals and national priorities set by the  
19 Board that are within the Partnership  
20 boundary;

21 (iii) a self-governance structure that  
22 supports the implementation of strategic  
23 priorities for fish habitat;

24 (iv) the ability to develop local and re-  
25 gional relationships with a broad range of

1 entities to further strategic priorities for  
2 fish and fish habitat;

3 (v) a strategic plan that details re-  
4 quired investments for fish habitat con-  
5 servation that addresses the strategic fish  
6 habitat priorities of the Partnership and  
7 supports and meets the strategic priorities  
8 of the Board;

9 (vi) the ability to develop and imple-  
10 ment fish habitat conservation projects  
11 that address strategic priorities of the  
12 Partnership and the Board; and

13 (vii) the ability to develop fish habitat  
14 conservation priorities based on sound  
15 science and data, the ability to measure  
16 the effectiveness of fish habitat projects of  
17 the Partnership, and a clear plan as to  
18 how Partnership science and data compo-  
19 nents will be integrated with the overall  
20 Board science and data effort.

21 (4) REQUIREMENTS FOR RECOMMENDATION TO  
22 CONGRESS.—The Board may recommend to Con-  
23 gress for designation an application for a Partner-  
24 ship submitted under paragraph (3)(A) if the Board  
25 determines that the applicant—



1 (A) meets the criteria described in para-  
2 graph (3)(B);

3 (B) identifies representatives to provide  
4 support and technical assistance to the Partner-  
5 ship from a diverse group of public and private  
6 partners, which may include State or local gov-  
7 ernments, nonprofit entities, Indian Tribes, and  
8 private individuals, that are focused on con-  
9 servation of fish habitats to achieve results  
10 across jurisdictional boundaries on public and  
11 private land;

12 (C) is organized to promote the health of  
13 important fish species and important fish habi-  
14 tats, including reservoirs, natural lakes, coastal  
15 and marine environments, and estuaries;

16 (D) identifies strategic fish and fish habi-  
17 tat priorities for the Partnership area in the  
18 form of geographical focus areas or key  
19 stressors or impairments to facilitate strategic  
20 planning and decision making;

21 (E) is able to address issues and priorities  
22 on a nationally significant scale;

23 (F) includes a governance structure that—

24 (i) reflects the range of all partners;

25 and

1 (ii) promotes joint strategic planning  
2 and decision making by the applicant;

3 (G) demonstrates completion of, or signifi-  
4 cant progress toward the development of, a  
5 strategic plan to address the decline in fish pop-  
6 ulations, rather than simply treating symptoms,  
7 in accordance with the goals and national prior-  
8 ities established by the Board; and

9 (H) promotes collaboration in developing a  
10 strategic vision and implementation program  
11 that is scientifically sound and achievable.

12 (5) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—

13 (A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than Feb-  
14 ruary 1 of the first fiscal year beginning after  
15 the date of enactment of this Act and each Feb-  
16 ruary 1 thereafter, the Board shall develop and  
17 submit to the appropriate congressional com-  
18 mittees an annual report, to be entitled “Report  
19 to Congress on Future Fish Habitat Partner-  
20 ships and Modifications”, that—

21 (i) identifies any entity that—

22 (I) meets the requirements de-  
23 scribed in paragraph (4); and

24 (II) the Board recommends for  
25 designation as a Partnership;

1 (ii) describes any proposed modifica-  
2 tions to a Partnership previously des-  
3 igned by Congress under paragraph (6);  
4 and

5 (iii) with respect to each entity rec-  
6 ommended for designation as a Partner-  
7 ship, describes, to the maximum extent  
8 practicable—

9 (I) the purpose of the rec-  
10 ommended Partnership; and

11 (II) how the recommended Part-  
12 nership fulfills the requirements de-  
13 scribed in paragraph (4).

14 (B) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY; NOTIFICA-  
15 TION.—The Board shall—

16 (i) make the report publicly available,  
17 including on the internet; and

18 (ii) provide to the appropriate con-  
19 gressional committees and the State agen-  
20 cy of any State included in a recommended  
21 Partnership area written notification of the  
22 public availability of the report.

23 (6) DESIGNATION OR MODIFICATION OF PART-  
24 NERSHIP.—Congress shall have the sole authority to  
25 designate or modify a Partnership.

1 (7) EXISTING PARTNERSHIPS.—

2 (A) DESIGNATION REVIEW.—Not later  
3 than 5 years after the date of enactment of this  
4 Act, any fish habitat Partnership receiving Fed-  
5 eral funds as of the date of enactment of this  
6 Act shall be subject to a designation review by  
7 Congress in which Congress shall have the op-  
8 portunity to designate the Partnership under  
9 paragraph (6).

10 (B) INELIGIBILITY FOR FEDERAL  
11 FUNDS.—A Partnership referred to in subpara-  
12 graph (A) that Congress does not designate as  
13 described in that subparagraph shall be ineli-  
14 gible to receive Federal funds under this sec-  
15 tion.

16 (e) FISH HABITAT CONSERVATION PROJECTS.—

17 (1) SUBMISSION TO BOARD.—Not later than  
18 March 31 of each calendar year, each Partnership  
19 shall submit to the Board a list of priority fish habi-  
20 tat conservation projects recommended by the Part-  
21 nership for annual funding under this section.

22 (2) RECOMMENDATIONS BY BOARD.—Not later  
23 than July 1 of each calendar year, the Board shall  
24 submit to the Secretary a priority list of fish habitat  
25 conservation projects that includes the description,

1 including estimated costs, of each project that the  
2 Board recommends that the Secretary approve and  
3 fund under this section for the following fiscal year.

4 (3) CRITERIA FOR PROJECT SELECTION.—The  
5 Board shall select each fish habitat conservation  
6 project to be recommended to the Secretary under  
7 paragraph (2) after taking into consideration, at a  
8 minimum, the following information:

9 (A) A recommendation of the Partnership  
10 that is, or will be, participating actively in im-  
11 plementing the fish habitat conservation  
12 project.

13 (B) The capabilities and experience of  
14 project proponents to implement successfully  
15 the proposed project.

16 (C) The extent to which the fish habitat  
17 conservation project—

18 (i) fulfills a local or regional priority  
19 that is directly linked to the strategic plan  
20 of the Partnership and is consistent with  
21 the purpose of this section;

22 (ii) addresses the national priorities  
23 established by the Board;

24 (iii) is supported by the findings of  
25 the Habitat Assessment of the Partnership

1 or the Board, and aligns or is compatible  
2 with other conservation plans;

3 (iv) identifies appropriate monitoring  
4 and evaluation measures and criteria that  
5 are compatible with national measures;

6 (v) provides a well-defined budget  
7 linked to deliverables and outcomes;

8 (vi) leverages other funds to imple-  
9 ment the project;

10 (vii) addresses the causes and proc-  
11 esses behind the decline of fish or fish  
12 habitats; and

13 (viii) includes an outreach or edu-  
14 cation component that includes the local or  
15 regional community.

16 (D) The availability of sufficient non-Fed-  
17 eral funds to match Federal contributions for  
18 the fish habitat conservation project, as re-  
19 quired by paragraph (5).

20 (E) The extent to which the local or re-  
21 gional fish habitat conservation project—

22 (i) will increase fish populations in a  
23 manner that leads to recreational fishing  
24 opportunities for the public;

1 (ii) will be carried out through a coop-  
2 erative agreement among Federal, State,  
3 and local governments, Indian Tribes, and  
4 private entities;

5 (iii) increases public access to land or  
6 water for fish and wildlife-dependent rec-  
7 reational opportunities;

8 (iv) advances the conservation of fish  
9 and wildlife species that have been identi-  
10 fied by the States as species of greatest  
11 conservation need;

12 (v) where appropriate, advances the  
13 conservation of fish and fish habitats  
14 under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Con-  
15 servation and Management Act (16 U.S.C.  
16 1801 et seq.) and other relevant Federal  
17 law and State wildlife action plans; and

18 (vi) promotes strong and healthy fish  
19 habitats so that desired biological commu-  
20 nities are able to persist and adapt.

21 (F) The substantiality of the character and  
22 design of the fish habitat conservation project.

23 (4) LIMITATIONS.—

24 (A) REQUIREMENTS FOR EVALUATION.—

25 No fish habitat conservation project may be

1 recommended by the Board under paragraph  
2 (2) or provided financial assistance under this  
3 section unless the fish habitat conservation  
4 project includes an evaluation plan designed  
5 using applicable Board guidance—

6 (i) to appropriately assess the biologi-  
7 cal, ecological, or other results of the habi-  
8 tat protection, restoration, or enhancement  
9 activities carried out using the assistance;

10 (ii) to reflect appropriate changes to  
11 the fish habitat conservation project if the  
12 assessment substantiates that the fish  
13 habitat conservation project objectives are  
14 not being met;

15 (iii) to identify improvements to exist-  
16 ing fish populations, recreational fishing  
17 opportunities, and the overall economic  
18 benefits for the local community of the fish  
19 habitat conservation project; and

20 (iv) to require the submission to the  
21 Board of a report describing the findings  
22 of the assessment.

23 (B) ACQUISITION AUTHORITIES.—

24 (i) IN GENERAL.—A State, local gov-  
25 ernment, or other non-Federal entity is eli-



1 gible to receive funds for the acquisition of  
2 real property from willing sellers under  
3 this section if the acquisition ensures one  
4 of—

5 (I) public access for compatible  
6 fish and wildlife-dependent recreation;  
7 or

8 (II) a scientifically based, direct  
9 enhancement to the health of fish and  
10 fish populations, as determined by the  
11 Board.

12 (ii) STATE AGENCY APPROVAL.—

13 (I) IN GENERAL.—All real prop-  
14 erty interest acquisition projects fund-  
15 ed under this section are required to  
16 be approved by the State agency in  
17 the State in which the project is oc-  
18 ccurring.

19 (II) PROHIBITION.—The Board  
20 may not recommend, and the Sec-  
21 retary may not provide any funding  
22 for, any real property interest acqui-  
23 sition that has not been approved by  
24 the State agency.

1 (iii) ASSESSMENT OF OTHER AU-  
2 THORITIES.—The Fish Habitat Partner-  
3 ship shall conduct a project assessment,  
4 submitted with the funding request and  
5 approved by the Board, to demonstrate all  
6 other Federal, State, and local authorities  
7 for the acquisition of real property have  
8 been exhausted.

9 (iv) RESTRICTIONS.—A real property  
10 interest may not be acquired pursuant to a  
11 fish habitat conservation project by a  
12 State, local government, or other non-Fed-  
13 eral entity, unless—

14 (I) the owner of the real property  
15 authorizes the State, local govern-  
16 ment, or other non-Federal entity to  
17 acquire the real property; and

18 (II) the Secretary and the Board  
19 determine that the State, local govern-  
20 ment, or other non-Federal entity  
21 would benefit from undertaking the  
22 management of the real property  
23 being acquired because that is in ac-  
24 cordance with the goals of a Partner-  
25 ship.

1 (5) NON-FEDERAL CONTRIBUTIONS.—

2 (A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in  
3 subparagraph (B), no fish habitat conservation  
4 project may be recommended by the Board  
5 under paragraph (2) or provided financial as-  
6 sistance under this section unless at least 50  
7 percent of the cost of the fish habitat conserva-  
8 tion project will be funded with non-Federal  
9 funds.

10 (B) NON-FEDERAL SHARE.—The non-Fed-  
11 eral share of the cost of a fish habitat conserva-  
12 tion project—

13 (i) may not be derived from another  
14 Federal grant program; but

15 (ii) may include in-kind contributions  
16 and cash.

17 (C) SPECIAL RULE FOR INDIAN TRIBES.—  
18 Notwithstanding subparagraph (A) or any other  
19 provision of law, any funds made available to  
20 an Indian Tribe pursuant to this section may be  
21 considered to be non-Federal funds for the pur-  
22 pose of subparagraph (A).

23 (6) APPROVAL.—

24 (A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days  
25 after the date of receipt of the recommended

1 priority list of fish habitat conservation projects  
2 under paragraph (2), subject to the limitations  
3 of paragraph (4), and based, to the maximum  
4 extent practicable, on the criteria described in  
5 paragraph (3), the Secretary, after consulting  
6 with the Secretary of Commerce on marine or  
7 estuarine projects, shall approve or reject any  
8 fish habitat conservation project recommended  
9 by the Board.

10 (B) FUNDING.—If the Secretary approves  
11 a fish habitat conservation project under sub-  
12 paragraph (A), the Secretary shall use amounts  
13 made available to carry out this section to pro-  
14 vide funds to carry out the fish habitat con-  
15 servation project.

16 (C) NOTIFICATION.—If the Secretary re-  
17 jects any fish habitat conservation project rec-  
18 ommended by the Board under paragraph (2),  
19 not later than 180 days after the date of receipt  
20 of the recommendation, the Secretary shall pro-  
21 vide to the Board, the appropriate Partnership,  
22 and the appropriate congressional committees a  
23 written statement of the reasons that the Sec-  
24 retary rejected the fish habitat conservation  
25 project.

1 (f) TECHNICAL AND SCIENTIFIC ASSISTANCE.—

2 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Director, the NOAA  
3 Assistant Administrator, the EPA Assistant Admin-  
4 istrator, and the Director of the United States Geo-  
5 logical Survey, in coordination with the Forest Serv-  
6 ice and other appropriate Federal departments and  
7 agencies, may provide scientific and technical assist-  
8 ance to the Partnerships, participants in fish habitat  
9 conservation projects, and the Board.

10 (2) INCLUSIONS.—Scientific and technical as-  
11 sistance provided pursuant to paragraph (1) may in-  
12 clude—

13 (A) providing technical and scientific as-  
14 sistance to States, Indian Tribes, regions, local  
15 communities, and nongovernmental organiza-  
16 tions in the development and implementation of  
17 Partnerships;

18 (B) providing technical and scientific as-  
19 sistance to Partnerships for habitat assessment,  
20 strategic planning, and prioritization;

21 (C) supporting the development and imple-  
22 mentation of fish habitat conservation projects  
23 that are identified as high priorities by Partner-  
24 ships and the Board;

1 (D) supporting and providing recommenda-  
2 tions regarding the development of science-  
3 based monitoring and assessment approaches  
4 for implementation through Partnerships;

5 (E) supporting and providing recommenda-  
6 tions for a national fish habitat assessment;

7 (F) ensuring the availability of experts to  
8 assist in conducting scientifically based evalua-  
9 tion and reporting of the results of fish habitat  
10 conservation projects; and

11 (G) providing resources to secure State  
12 agency scientific and technical assistance to  
13 support Partnerships, participants in fish habi-  
14 tat conservation projects, and the Board.

15 (g) COORDINATION WITH STATES AND INDIAN  
16 TRIBES.—The Secretary shall provide a notice to, and co-  
17 operate with, the appropriate State agency or Tribal agen-  
18 cy, as applicable, of each State and Indian Tribe within  
19 the boundaries of which an activity is planned to be car-  
20 ried out pursuant to this section, including notification,  
21 by not later than 30 days before the date on which the  
22 activity is implemented.

23 (h) INTERAGENCY OPERATIONAL PLAN.—Not later  
24 than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, and  
25 every 5 years thereafter, the Director, in cooperation with

1 the NOAA Assistant Administrator, the EPA Assistant  
2 Administrator, the Director of the United States Geologi-  
3 cal Survey, and the heads of other appropriate Federal  
4 departments and agencies (including at a minimum, those  
5 agencies represented on the Board), shall develop an inter-  
6 agency operational plan that describes—

7           (1) the functional, operational, technical, sci-  
8           entific, and general staff, administrative, and mate-  
9           rial needs for the implementation of this section; and

10           (2) any interagency agreements between or  
11           among Federal departments and agencies to address  
12           those needs.

13           (i) ACCOUNTABILITY AND REPORTING.—

14                 (1) REPORTING.—

15                         (A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 5 years  
16                         after the date of enactment of this Act, and  
17                         every 5 years thereafter, the Board shall submit  
18                         to the appropriate congressional committees a  
19                         report describing the progress of this section.

20                         (B) CONTENTS.—Each report submitted  
21                         under subparagraph (A) shall include—

22                                 (i) an estimate of the number of  
23                                 acres, stream miles, or acre-feet, or other  
24                                 suitable measures of fish habitat, that was  
25                                 maintained or improved by Partnerships of

1 Federal, State, or local governments, In-  
2 dian Tribes, or other entities in the United  
3 States during the 5-year period ending on  
4 the date of submission of the report;

5 (ii) a description of the public access  
6 to fish habitats established or improved  
7 during that 5-year period;

8 (iii) a description of the improved op-  
9 portunities for public recreational fishing;  
10 and

11 (iv) an assessment of the status of  
12 fish habitat conservation projects carried  
13 out with funds provided under this section  
14 during that period, disaggregated by year,  
15 including—

16 (I) a description of the fish habi-  
17 tat conservation projects rec-  
18 ommended by the Board under sub-  
19 section (e)(2);

20 (II) a description of each fish  
21 habitat conservation project approved  
22 by the Secretary under subsection  
23 (e)(6), in order of priority for funding;

24 (III) a justification for—



1 (aa) the approval of each  
2 fish habitat conservation project;  
3 and

4 (bb) the order of priority for  
5 funding of each fish habitat con-  
6 servation project;

7 (IV) a justification for any rejec-  
8 tion of a fish habitat conservation  
9 project recommended by the Board  
10 under subsection (e)(2) that was  
11 based on a factor other than the cri-  
12 teria described in subsection (e)(3);  
13 and

14 (V) an accounting of expendi-  
15 tures by Federal, State, or local gov-  
16 ernments, Indian Tribes, or other en-  
17 tities to carry out fish habitat con-  
18 servation projects.

19 (2) STATUS AND TRENDS REPORT.—Not later  
20 than December 31, 2020, and every 5 years there-  
21 after, the Board shall submit to the appropriate con-  
22 gressional committees a report that includes—

23 (A) a status of all Partnerships designated  
24 under this section;

1 (B) a description of the status of fish habi-  
2 tats in the United States as identified by estab-  
3 lished Partnerships; and

4 (C) enhancements or reductions in public  
5 access as a result of—

6 (i) the activities of the Partnerships;

7 or

8 (ii) any other activities carried out  
9 pursuant to this section.

10 (j) EFFECT OF SECTION.—

11 (1) WATER RIGHTS.—Nothing in this section—

12 (A) establishes any express or implied re-  
13 served water right in the United States for any  
14 purpose;

15 (B) affects any water right in existence on  
16 the date of enactment of this Act;

17 (C) preempts or affects any State water  
18 law or interstate compact governing water; or

19 (D) affects any Federal or State law in ex-  
20 istence on the date of enactment of the Act re-  
21 garding water quality or water quantity.

22 (2) AUTHORITY TO ACQUIRE WATER RIGHTS OR  
23 RIGHTS TO PROPERTY.—Under this section, only a  
24 State, local government, or other non-Federal entity

1       may acquire, under State law, water rights or rights  
2       to property.

3           (3) STATE AUTHORITY.—Nothing in this sec-  
4       tion—

5           (A) affects the authority, jurisdiction, or  
6       responsibility of a State to manage, control, or  
7       regulate fish and wildlife under the laws and  
8       regulations of the State; or

9           (B) authorizes the Secretary to control or  
10      regulate within a State the fishing or hunting  
11      of fish and wildlife.

12          (4) EFFECT ON INDIAN TRIBES.—Nothing in  
13      this section abrogates, abridges, affects, modifies,  
14      supersedes, or alters any right of an Indian Tribe  
15      recognized by treaty or any other means, includ-  
16      ing—

17           (A) an agreement between the Indian  
18      Tribe and the United States;

19           (B) Federal law (including regulations);

20           (C) an Executive order; or

21           (D) a judicial decree.

22          (5) ADJUDICATION OF WATER RIGHTS.—Noth-  
23      ing in this section diminishes or affects the ability  
24      of the Secretary to join an adjudication of rights to  
25      the use of water pursuant to subsection (a), (b), or

1 (c) of section 208 of the Department of Justice Ap-  
2 propriation Act, 1953 (43 U.S.C. 666).

3 (6) DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AUTHOR-  
4 ITY.—Nothing in this section affects the authority,  
5 jurisdiction, or responsibility of the Department of  
6 Commerce to manage, control, or regulate fish or  
7 fish habitats under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery  
8 Conservation and Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1801  
9 et seq.).

10 (7) EFFECT ON OTHER AUTHORITIES.—

11 (A) PRIVATE PROPERTY PROTECTION.—  
12 Nothing in this section permits the use of funds  
13 made available to carry out this section to ac-  
14 quire real property or a real property interest  
15 without the written consent of each owner of  
16 the real property or real property interest.

17 (B) MITIGATION.—Nothing in this section  
18 permits the use of funds made available to  
19 carry out this section for fish and wildlife miti-  
20 gation purposes under—

21 (i) the Federal Water Pollution Con-  
22 trol Act (33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq.);

23 (ii) the Fish and Wildlife Coordina-  
24 tion Act (16 U.S.C. 661 et seq.);

1 (iii) the Water Resources Develop-  
2 ment Act of 1986 (Public Law 99–662;  
3 100 Stat. 4082); or

4 (iv) any other Federal law or court  
5 settlement.

6 (C) CLEAN WATER ACT.—Nothing in this  
7 section affects any provision of the Federal  
8 Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1251 et  
9 seq.), including any definition in that Act.

10 (k) NONAPPLICABILITY OF FEDERAL ADVISORY  
11 COMMITTEE ACT.—The Federal Advisory Committee Act  
12 (5 U.S.C. App.) shall not apply to—

13 (1) the Board; or

14 (2) any Partnership.

15 (l) FUNDING.—

16 (1) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

17 (A) FISH HABITAT CONSERVATION  
18 PROJECTS.—There is authorized to be appro-  
19 priated to the Secretary \$7,200,000 for each of  
20 fiscal years 2020 through 2024 to provide  
21 funds for fish habitat conservation projects ap-  
22 proved under subsection (e)(6), of which 5 per-  
23 cent shall be made available for each fiscal year  
24 for projects carried out by Indian Tribes.

1 (B) ADMINISTRATIVE AND PLANNING EX-  
2 PENSES.—There is authorized to be appro-  
3 priated to the Secretary for each of fiscal years  
4 2020 through 2024 an amount equal to 5 per-  
5 cent of the amount appropriated for the appli-  
6 cable fiscal year pursuant to subparagraph  
7 (A)—

8 (i) for administrative and planning ex-  
9 penses; and

10 (ii) to carry out subsection (i).

11 (C) TECHNICAL AND SCIENTIFIC ASSIST-  
12 ANCE.—There is authorized to be appropriated  
13 for each of fiscal years 2020 through 2024 to  
14 carry out, and provide technical and scientific  
15 assistance under, subsection (f)—

16 (i) \$500,000 to the Secretary for use  
17 by the United States Fish and Wildlife  
18 Service;

19 (ii) \$500,000 to the NOAA Assistant  
20 Administrator for use by the National Oce-  
21 anic and Atmospheric Administration;

22 (iii) \$500,000 to the EPA Assistant  
23 Administrator for use by the Environ-  
24 mental Protection Agency; and

1 (iv) \$500,000 to the Secretary for use  
2 by the United States Geological Survey.

3 (2) AGREEMENTS AND GRANTS.—The Secretary  
4 may—

5 (A) on the recommendation of the Board,  
6 and notwithstanding sections 6304 and 6305 of  
7 title 31, United States Code, and the Federal  
8 Financial Assistance Management Improvement  
9 Act of 1999 (31 U.S.C. 6101 note; Public Law  
10 106–107), enter into a grant agreement, coop-  
11 erative agreement, or contract with a Partner-  
12 ship or other entity for a fish habitat conserva-  
13 tion project or restoration or enhancement  
14 project;

15 (B) apply for, accept, and use a grant  
16 from any individual or entity to carry out the  
17 purposes of this section; and

18 (C) make funds available to any Federal  
19 department or agency for use by that depart-  
20 ment or agency to provide grants for any fish  
21 habitat protection project, restoration project,  
22 or enhancement project that the Secretary de-  
23 termines to be consistent with this section.

24 (3) DONATIONS.—

25 (A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may—

1 (i) enter into an agreement with any  
2 organization described in section 501(c)(3)  
3 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 that  
4 is exempt from taxation under section  
5 501(a) of that Code to solicit private dona-  
6 tions to carry out the purposes of this sec-  
7 tion; and

8 (ii) accept donations of funds, prop-  
9 erty, and services to carry out the purposes  
10 of this section.

11 (B) TREATMENT.—A donation accepted  
12 under this section—

13 (i) shall be considered to be a gift or  
14 bequest to, or otherwise for the use of, the  
15 United States; and

16 (ii) may be—

17 (I) used directly by the Sec-  
18 retary; or

19 (II) provided to another Federal  
20 department or agency through an  
21 interagency agreement.

22 (m) PROHIBITION AGAINST IMPLEMENTATION OF  
23 REGULATORY AUTHORITY BY FEDERAL AGENCIES.—Any  
24 Partnership designated under this section—



1 (1) shall be for the sole purpose of promoting  
2 fish conservation; and

3 (2) shall not be used to implement any regu-  
4 latory authority of any Federal agency.

5 **TITLE VI—TARGET PRACTICE**  
6 **AND MARKSMANSHIP TRAIN-**  
7 **ING SUPPORT**

8 **SEC. 601. SHORT TITLE.**

9 This title may be cited as the “Target Practice and  
10 Marksmanship Training Support Act”.

11 **SEC. 602. DEFINITION OF PUBLIC TARGET RANGE.**

12 In this title, the term “public target range” means  
13 a specific location that—

14 (1) is identified by a governmental agency for  
15 recreational shooting;

16 (2) is open to the public;

17 (3) may be supervised; and

18 (4) may accommodate archery or rifle, pistol, or  
19 shotgun shooting.

20 **SEC. 603. AMENDMENTS TO PITTMAN-ROBERTSON WILD-**  
21 **LIFE RESTORATION ACT.**

22 (a) DEFINITIONS.—Section 2 of the Pittman-Robert-  
23 son Wildlife Restoration Act (16 U.S.C. 669a) is amend-  
24 ed—

1           (1) by redesignating paragraphs (2) through  
2           (8) as paragraphs (3) through (9), respectively; and

3           (2) by inserting after paragraph (1) the fol-  
4           lowing:

5           “(2) the term ‘public target range’ means a  
6           specific location that—

7                   “(A) is identified by a governmental agen-  
8                   cy for recreational shooting;

9                   “(B) is open to the public;

10                   “(C) may be supervised; and

11                   “(D) may accommodate archery or rifle,  
12                   pistol, or shotgun shooting;”.

13           (b) EXPENDITURES FOR MANAGEMENT OF WILD-  
14           LIFE AREAS AND RESOURCES.—Section 8(b) of the Pitt-  
15           man-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act (16 U.S.C.  
16           669g(b)) is amended—

17           (1) by striking “(b) Each State” and inserting  
18           the following:

19           “(b) EXPENDITURES FOR MANAGEMENT OF WILD-  
20           LIFE AREAS AND RESOURCES.—

21                   “(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-  
22                   graph (2), each State”;

23           (2) in paragraph (1) (as so designated), by  
24           striking “construction, operation,” and inserting  
25           “operation”;

1           (3) in the second sentence, by striking “The  
2 non-Federal share” and inserting the following:

3           “(3) NON-FEDERAL SHARE.—The non-Federal  
4 share”;

5           (4) in the third sentence, by striking “The Sec-  
6 retary” and inserting the following:

7           “(4) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary”; and

8           (5) by inserting after paragraph (1) (as des-  
9 igned by paragraph (1) of this subsection) the fol-  
10 lowing:

11           “(2) EXCEPTION.—Notwithstanding the limita-  
12 tion described in paragraph (1), a State may pay up  
13 to 90 percent of the cost of acquiring land for, ex-  
14 panding, or constructing a public target range.”.

15           (c) FIREARM AND BOW HUNTER EDUCATION AND  
16 SAFETY PROGRAM GRANTS.—Section 10 of the Pittman-  
17 Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act (16 U.S.C. 669h–1)  
18 is amended—

19           (1) in subsection (a), by adding at the end the  
20 following:

21           “(3) ALLOCATION OF ADDITIONAL AMOUNTS.—  
22 Of the amount apportioned to a State for any fiscal  
23 year under section 4(b), the State may elect to allo-  
24 cate not more than 10 percent, to be combined with  
25 the amount apportioned to the State under para-

1 graph (1) for that fiscal year, for acquiring land for,  
2 expanding, or constructing a public target range.”;

3 (2) by striking subsection (b) and inserting the  
4 following:

5 “(b) COST SHARING.—

6 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-  
7 graph (2), the Federal share of the cost of any activ-  
8 ity carried out using a grant under this section shall  
9 not exceed 75 percent of the total cost of the activ-  
10 ity.

11 “(2) PUBLIC TARGET RANGE CONSTRUCTION OR  
12 EXPANSION.—The Federal share of the cost of ac-  
13 quiring land for, expanding, or constructing a public  
14 target range in a State on Federal or non-Federal  
15 land pursuant to this section or section 8(b) shall  
16 not exceed 90 percent of the cost of the activity.”;  
17 and

18 (3) in subsection (c)(1)—

19 (A) by striking “Amounts made” and in-  
20 serting the following:

21 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in  
22 subparagraph (B), amounts made”; and

23 (B) by adding at the end the following:

24 “(B) EXCEPTION.—Amounts provided for  
25 acquiring land for, constructing, or expanding a

1 public target range shall remain available for  
2 expenditure and obligation during the 5-fiscal-  
3 year period beginning on October 1 of the first  
4 fiscal year for which the amounts are made  
5 available.”.

6 **SEC. 604. LIMITS ON LIABILITY.**

7 (a) DISCRETIONARY FUNCTION.—For purposes of  
8 chapter 171 of title 28, United States Code (commonly  
9 referred to as the “Federal Tort Claims Act”), any action  
10 by an agent or employee of the United States to manage  
11 or allow the use of Federal land for purposes of target  
12 practice or marksmanship training by a member of the  
13 public shall be considered to be the exercise or perform-  
14 ance of a discretionary function.

15 (b) CIVIL ACTION OR CLAIMS.—Except to the extent  
16 provided in chapter 171 of title 28, United States Code,  
17 the United States shall not be subject to any civil action  
18 or claim for money damages for any injury to or loss of  
19 property, personal injury, or death caused by an activity  
20 occurring at a public target range that is—

- 21 (1) funded in whole or in part by the Federal  
22 Government pursuant to the Pittman-Robertson  
23 Wildlife Restoration Act (16 U.S.C. 669 et seq.); or  
24 (2) located on Federal land.

1 **SEC. 605. SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING COOPERATION.**

2 It is the sense of Congress that, consistent with appli-  
3 cable laws and regulations, the Chief of the Forest Service  
4 and the Director of the Bureau of Land Management  
5 should cooperate with State and local authorities and  
6 other entities to carry out waste removal and other activi-  
7 ties on any Federal land used as a public target range  
8 to encourage continued use of that land for target practice  
9 or marksmanship training.

10 **TITLE VII—WILDLIFE AND HUNT-**  
11 **ING HERITAGE CONSERVA-**  
12 **TION COUNCIL ADVISORY**  
13 **COMMITTEE**

14 **SEC. 701. WILDLIFE AND HUNTING HERITAGE CONSERVA-**  
15 **TION COUNCIL ADVISORY COMMITTEE.**

16 The Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act (16 U.S.C.  
17 661 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
18 lowing:

19 **“SEC. 10. WILDLIFE AND HUNTING HERITAGE CONSERVA-**  
20 **TION COUNCIL ADVISORY COMMITTEE.**

21 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established the  
22 Wildlife and Hunting Heritage Conservation Council Advi-  
23 sory Committee (referred to in this section as the ‘Advi-  
24 sory Committee’) to advise the Secretary of the Interior  
25 and the Secretary of Agriculture (referred to in this sec-

1 tion as the ‘Secretaries’) on wildlife and habitat conserva-  
2 tion, hunting, and recreational shooting.

3 “(b) DUTIES OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE.—The  
4 Advisory Committee shall advise the Secretaries regard-  
5 ing—

6 “(1) implementation of the ‘Recreational Hunt-  
7 ing and Wildlife Resource Conservation Plan—A  
8 Ten-Year Plan for Implementation’ and any suc-  
9 cessor plans, in accordance with Executive Order  
10 13443 (16 U.S.C. 661 note; relating to facilitation  
11 of hunting heritage and wildlife conservation);

12 “(2) increasing public awareness of, and sup-  
13 port for, the Wildlife Restoration Program;

14 “(3) fostering wildlife and habitat conservation  
15 and ethics in hunting and shooting sports recreation;

16 “(4) stimulating the participation of sportsmen  
17 and sportswomen in the conservation and manage-  
18 ment of wildlife and habitat resources through out-  
19 reach and education;

20 “(5) fostering communication and coordination  
21 among—

22 “(A) the Federal Government and State  
23 and Tribal governments;

24 “(B) industry;

1           “(C) sportsmen and sportswomen who  
2           hunt and shoot;

3           “(D) wildlife and habitat conservation and  
4           management organizations; and

5           “(E) the public;

6           “(6) providing appropriate access to Federal  
7           land for recreational shooting and hunting; and

8           “(7) recommendations to improve implementa-  
9           tion of Federal conservation programs that benefit  
10          wildlife, hunting, and outdoor recreation on private  
11          land.

12         “(c) MEMBERSHIP.—

13           “(1) APPOINTMENT.—

14           “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Advisory Com-  
15           mittee shall consist of not more than 16 discre-  
16           tionary members and 7 ex officio members.

17           “(B) EX OFFICIO MEMBERS.—The ex offi-  
18           cio members are—

19           “(i) the Director of the United States  
20           Fish and Wildlife Service or a designated  
21           representative of the Director;

22           “(ii) the Director of the Bureau of  
23           Land Management or a designated rep-  
24           resentative of the Director;



1           “(iii) the Director of the National  
2 Park Service or a designated representa-  
3 tive of the Director;

4           “(iv) the Chief of the Forest Service  
5 or a designated representative of the Chief;

6           “(v) the Chief of the Natural Re-  
7 sources Conservation Service or a des-  
8 ignated representative of the Chief;

9           “(vi) the Administrator of the Farm  
10 Service Agency or a designated representa-  
11 tive of the Administrator; and

12           “(vii) the Executive Director of the  
13 Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies.

14           “(C) DISCRETIONARY MEMBERS.—The dis-  
15 cretionary members shall be appointed jointly  
16 by the Secretaries from at least one of each of  
17 the following:

18           “(i) State fish and wildlife manage-  
19 ment agencies.

20           “(ii) Wildlife and habitat conservation  
21 management organizations.

22           “(iii) Game bird hunting organiza-  
23 tions.

24           “(iv) Waterfowl hunting organiza-  
25 tions.

1                   “(v) Big game hunting organizations.

2                   “(vi) The tourism, outfitter, or guid-  
3                   ing industry relating to hunting, fishing,  
4                   and shooting sports.

5                   “(vii) The hunting or shooting equip-  
6                   ment retail industry.

7                   “(viii) Tribal resource management  
8                   organizations.

9                   “(ix) Hunting, shooting, and fishing  
10                  sports outreach and education organiza-  
11                  tions.

12                  “(x) Women’s hunting and fishing ad-  
13                  vocacy, outreach, or education organiza-  
14                  tions.

15                  “(xi) Minority hunting and fishing ad-  
16                  vocacy, outreach, or education organiza-  
17                  tions.

18                  “(xii) Veterans service organizations.

19                  “(2) TERMS.—

20                  “(A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in  
21                  subparagraph (B), members of the Advisory  
22                  Committee shall be appointed for a term of 4  
23                  years. Members shall not be appointed for more  
24                  than 3 terms.

1           “(B) TERMS OF INITIAL APPOINTEES.—As  
2           designated by the Secretaries at the time of ap-  
3           pointment, of the members first appointed—

4                   “(i) 6 members shall be appointed for  
5                   a term of 4 years;

6                   “(ii) 5 members shall be appointed for  
7                   a term of 3 years; and

8                   “(iii) 5 members shall be appointed  
9                   for a term of 2 years.

10           “(3) PRESERVATION OF PUBLIC ADVISORY STA-  
11           TUS.—No individual may be appointed as a discre-  
12           tionary member of the Advisory Committee while  
13           serving as an officer or employee of the Federal  
14           Government.

15           “(4) VACANCY AND REMOVAL.—

16                   “(A) IN GENERAL.—Any vacancy on the  
17                   Advisory Committee shall be filled in the man-  
18                   ner in which the original appointment was  
19                   made.

20                   “(B) REMOVAL.—Advisory Committee  
21                   members shall serve at the discretion of the  
22                   Secretaries and may be removed at any time for  
23                   good cause.

24           “(5) CONTINUATION OF SERVICE.—Each ap-  
25           pointed member may continue to serve after the ex-

1       piration of the term of office to which such member  
2       was appointed until a successor has been appointed.

3           “(6) CHAIRPERSON.—The Chairperson of the  
4       Advisory Committee shall be appointed for a 3-year  
5       term by the Secretaries, jointly, from among the  
6       members of the Advisory Committee. An individual  
7       may not be appointed as Chairperson for more than  
8       2 terms.

9           “(7) COMPENSATION.—Members of the Advi-  
10      sory Committee shall serve without compensation.

11          “(8) TRAVEL EXPENSES.—Members of the Ad-  
12      visory Committee may be allowed travel expenses, in-  
13      cluding per diem in lieu of subsistence, at rates au-  
14      thorized for an employee of an agency under sub-  
15      chapter I of chapter 57 of title 5, United States  
16      Code, while away from the home or regular place of  
17      business of the member in the performance of duties  
18      of the Advisory Committee.

19          “(9) MEETINGS.—

20           “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Advisory Com-  
21      mittee shall meet at the call of the Chairperson,  
22      but not less frequently than twice annually.

23           “(B) OPEN MEETINGS.—Each meeting of  
24      the Advisory Committee shall be open to the  
25      public.

1           “(C) PRIOR NOTICE OF MEETINGS.—Time-  
2           ly notice of each meeting of the Advisory Com-  
3           mittee shall be published in the Federal Reg-  
4           ister and be submitted to trade publications and  
5           publications of general circulation.

6           “(D) SUBGROUPS.—The Advisory Com-  
7           mittee may establish such workgroups or sub-  
8           groups as the Advisory Committee deems nec-  
9           essary for the purpose of compiling information  
10          or conducting research.

11          “(10) QUORUM.—A majority of the members of  
12          the Advisory Committee shall constitute a quorum.

13          “(d) EXPENSES, ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT, TECH-  
14          NICAL SERVICES, AND ADVICE.—The Secretaries may  
15          provide for expenses, administrative support, technical  
16          services, and advice to the Advisory Committee that the  
17          Secretaries determine to be appropriate.

18          “(e) ANNUAL REPORT.—

19                 “(1) REQUIRED.—Not later than September 30  
20                 of each year, the Advisory Committee shall submit  
21                 a report to the Secretaries, the Committee on Nat-  
22                 ural Resources and the Committee on Agriculture of  
23                 the House of Representatives, and the Committee on  
24                 Energy and Natural Resources and the Committee

1 on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry of the Sen-  
2 ate.

3 “(2) CONTENTS.—The report required under  
4 paragraph (1) shall describe—

5 “(A) the activities of the Advisory Com-  
6 mittee during the preceding year;

7 “(B) the reports and recommendations  
8 made by the Advisory Committee to the Secre-  
9 taries during the preceding year; and

10 “(C) an accounting of actions taken by the  
11 Secretaries as a result of the recommendations.

12 “(f) FEDERAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE ACT.—The  
13 Advisory Committee shall be exempt from the Federal Ad-  
14 visory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.).”.

## 15 **TITLE VIII—FILM CREWS**

### 16 **SEC. 801. COMMERCIAL FILMING.**

17 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1 of Public Law 106–206  
18 (16 U.S.C. 460l–6d) is amended—

19 (1) by redesignating subsections (a) through (f)  
20 as subsections (b) through (g), respectively;

21 (2) by inserting before subsection (b) (as so re-  
22 designated) the following:

23 “(a) DEFINITION OF SECRETARY.—The term ‘Sec-  
24 retary’ means the Secretary of the Interior or the Sec-

1 retary of Agriculture, as applicable, with respect to land  
2 under the respective jurisdiction of the Secretary.”;

3 (3) in subsection (b) (as so redesignated)—

4 (A) in paragraph (1)—

5 (i) in the first sentence—

6 (I) by striking “of the Interior or  
7 the Secretary of Agriculture (here-  
8 after individually referred to as the  
9 ‘Secretary’ with respect to land (ex-  
10 cept land in a System unit as defined  
11 in section 100102 of title 54, United  
12 States Code) under their respective  
13 jurisdictions)”;

14 (II) by striking “or similar  
15 projects”;

16 (ii) in subparagraph (A), by striking  
17 “or similar project”; and

18 (iii) in subparagraph (B), by inserting  
19 “, except in the case of film crews of three  
20 or fewer individuals” before the period at  
21 the end; and

22 (B) by adding at the end the following:

23 “(3) FEE SCHEDULE.—Not later than 180 days  
24 after the date of enactment of the Sportsmen’s Act,  
25 to enhance consistency in the management of Fed-

1       eral land, the Secretaries shall publish a single joint  
2       land use fee schedule for commercial filming and  
3       still photography.”;

4           (4) in subsection (c) (as so redesignated), in the  
5       second sentence, by striking “subsection (a)” and in-  
6       serting “subsection (b)”;

7           (5) in subsection (d) (as so redesignated), in  
8       the heading, by inserting “commercial” before  
9       “still”;

10          (6) in paragraph (1) of subsection (f) (as so re-  
11       designated), by inserting “in accordance with the  
12       Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (16  
13       U.S.C. 6801 et seq.),” after “without further appro-  
14       priation,”;

15          (7) in subsection (g) (as so redesignated)—

16           (A) by striking “The Secretary shall” and  
17       inserting the following:

18           “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall”; and

19           (B) by adding at the end the following:

20           “(2) CONSIDERATIONS.—The Secretary shall  
21       not consider subject matter or content as a criterion  
22       for issuing or denying a permit under this Act.”;  
23       and

24          (8) by adding at the end the following:



1       “(h) EXEMPTION FROM COMMERCIAL FILMING OR  
2 STILL PHOTOGRAPHY PERMITS AND FEES.—The Sec-  
3 retary shall not require persons holding commercial use  
4 authorizations or special recreation permits to obtain an  
5 additional permit or pay a fee for commercial filming or  
6 still photography under this Act if—

7               “(1) the filming or photography conducted is  
8 incidental to the permitted activity that is the sub-  
9 ject of the commercial use authorization or special  
10 recreation permit; and

11               “(2) the holder of the commercial use author-  
12 ization or special recreation permit is an individual  
13 or small business concern (within the meaning of  
14 section 3 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C.  
15 632)).

16       “(i) EXCEPTION FROM CERTAIN FEES.—Commercial  
17 filming or commercial still photography shall be exempt  
18 from fees under this Act, but not from recovery of costs  
19 under subsection (c), if the activity—

20               “(1) is conducted by an entity that is a small  
21 business concern (within the meaning of section 3 of  
22 the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 632));

23               “(2) is conducted by a crew of not more than  
24 3 individuals; and

25               “(3) uses only a camera and tripod.

1 “(j) APPLICABILITY TO NEWS GATHERING ACTIVI-  
2 TIES.—

3 “(1) IN GENERAL.—News gathering shall not  
4 be considered a commercial activity.

5 “(2) INCLUDED ACTIVITIES.—In this sub-  
6 section, the term ‘news gathering’ includes, at a  
7 minimum, the gathering, recording, and filming of  
8 news and information related to news in any me-  
9 dium.”.

10 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Chapter 1009 of  
11 title 54, United States Code, is amended—

12 (1) by striking section 100905; and

13 (2) in the table of sections for chapter 1009 of  
14 title 54, United States Code, by striking the item re-  
15 lating to section 100905.

## 16 **TITLE IX—CHESAPEAKE BAY**

### 17 **SEC. 901. REAUTHORIZATION OF CHESAPEAKE BAY PRO-** 18 **GRAM.**

19 Section 117(j) of the Federal Water Pollution Control  
20 Act (33 U.S.C. 1267) is amended to read as follows:

21 “(j) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
22 is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section  
23 \$90,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2020 through 2024.”.

1 **SEC. 902. REAUTHORIZATION OF CHESAPEAKE BAY INITIA-**  
2 **TIVE ACT OF 1998.**

3 Section 502(c) of the Chesapeake Bay Initiative Act  
4 of 1998 (Public Law 105–312; 112 Stat. 2963; 129 Stat.  
5 2579) is amended by striking “2017” and inserting  
6 “2024”.

7 **TITLE X—CHRONIC WASTING**  
8 **DISEASE MANAGEMENT**

9 **SEC. 1001. SHORT TITLE.**

10 This title may be cited as the “Chronic Wasting Dis-  
11 ease Management Act”.

12 **SEC. 1002. DEFINITIONS.**

13 In this title:

14 (1) **CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE.**—The term  
15 “chronic wasting disease” means the animal disease  
16 afflicting among deer, elk, and moose populations  
17 that—

18 (A) is a transmissible disease of the nerv-  
19 ous system resulting in distinctive lesions in the  
20 brain; and

21 (B) belongs to the group of diseases known  
22 as transmissible spongiform encephalopathies,  
23 which group includes scrapie, bovine spongiform  
24 encephalopathy, and Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease.

25 (2) **ELIGIBLE GRANT RECIPIENT.**—The term  
26 “eligible grant recipient” means a State department

1 of wildlife, State department of agriculture, college  
2 or university, or related research center conducting  
3 scientific applied research regarding chronic wasting  
4 disease.

5 (3) INDIAN TRIBE.—The term “Indian Tribe”  
6 has the meaning given the term in section 4 of the  
7 Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance  
8 Act (25 U.S.C. 450b).

9 (4) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means  
10 the Secretary of Agriculture, acting through the Ani-  
11 mal and Plant Health Inspection Service-Wildlife  
12 Services.

13 **SEC. 1003. FINDINGS.**

14 Congress finds the following:

15 (1) Pursuant to State and Federal law, the  
16 States retain primary and policymaking authority  
17 with regard to wildlife management, and nothing in  
18 this title interferes with or otherwise affects the pri-  
19 mary authority of the States in managing wildlife  
20 generally, or managing, surveying, and monitoring  
21 the incidence of chronic wasting disease.

22 (2) Chronic wasting disease, the fatal neuro-  
23 logical disease found in cervids, is a fundamental  
24 threat to the health and vibrancy of deer, elk, and  
25 moose populations, and the increased occurrence of

1 chronic wasting disease in regionally diverse loca-  
2 tions in recent months necessitates an escalation in  
3 applied research, surveillance, monitoring, and man-  
4 agement activities focused on containing and man-  
5 aging this lethal disease.

6 (3) As the States move to manage existing lev-  
7 els of chronic wasting disease and insulate non-  
8 infected wild and captive cervid populations from the  
9 disease, the Federal Government should endeavor to  
10 provide integrated and holistic financial and tech-  
11 nical support to these States and the many State de-  
12 partments of wildlife, State departments of agri-  
13 culture, colleges and universities, and related re-  
14 search centers conducting scientific applied research  
15 regarding chronic wasting disease.

16 (4) The Secretary should provide consistent, co-  
17 herent, and integrated support structures and pro-  
18 grams for the benefit of State wildlife and agricul-  
19 tural administrators, as chronic wasting disease can  
20 move freely between captive and wild cervids across  
21 the broad array of Federal, State, Tribal, and local  
22 land management jurisdictions.

23 (5) The Secretary can provide consistent, coher-  
24 ent, and integrated support systems under existing  
25 legal authorities to States and the many State de-

1        departments of wildlife, State departments of agri-  
2        culture, colleges and universities, and related re-  
3        search centers conducting scientific applied research  
4        regarding chronic wasting disease.

5        **SEC. 1004. SUPPORT FOR STATE EFFORTS TO MANAGE AND**  
6        **CONTROL CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE.**

7        (a) AVAILABILITY OF ASSISTANCE.—The Secretary  
8        shall allocate funds made available under subparagraphs  
9        (A) and (B) of subsection (e)(1) directly to State and  
10       Tribal agencies responsible for wildlife management to  
11       support State and Tribal efforts to develop and implement  
12       management strategies to address chronic wasting disease.

13       (b) PETITION PROCESS.—A State or Tribal agency  
14       shall petition the Secretary for a portion of the funds  
15       available under subsection (a).

16       (c) FUNDING PRIORITIES.—In determining the  
17       amounts to be allocated to State and Tribal agencies  
18       under subsection (a), the Secretary shall give priority to  
19       States and Tribal agencies based on the following criteria:

20                (1) Relative scope of incidence of chronic wast-  
21       ing disease on lands of the State or Indian Tribe,  
22       with priority given to those States and Indian Tribes  
23       with the highest incidence of the disease.

24                (2) State or Tribal expenditures on chronic  
25       wasting disease management, monitoring, surveil-

1 lance, and applied research, with priority given to  
2 those States and Indian Tribes that have shown the  
3 greatest financial commitment to managing, moni-  
4 toring, surveying, and researching chronic wasting  
5 disease.

6 (3) Comprehensive and integrated State or  
7 Tribal policies and programs focused on chronic  
8 wasting disease management between involved State  
9 or Tribal wildlife and agricultural agencies, with pri-  
10 ority given to those States and Indian Tribes that  
11 have integrated the programs and policies of all in-  
12 volved agencies related to chronic wasting disease  
13 management.

14 (4) Rapid response to new outbreaks of chronic  
15 wasting disease, whether occurring in areas in which  
16 chronic wasting disease is already found or areas  
17 with first infections, with the intent of containing  
18 the disease in any new area of infection.

19 (d) RAPID RESPONSE FUND.—The Secretary shall  
20 use funds made available under subsection (e)(1)(C) as  
21 a rapid response fund to support State and Tribal efforts  
22 to control the spread of chronic wasting disease upon the  
23 detection of chronic wasting disease among deer, elk, or  
24 moose populations not previously infected.

25 (e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

1           (1) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be  
2           appropriated to the Secretary \$35,000,000 to sup-  
3           port State and Tribal efforts to manage and control  
4           chronic wasting disease, of which—

5                   (A) \$20,000,000 shall be allocated to  
6           States under subsection (a);

7                   (B) \$5,000,000 shall be allocated to Tribal  
8           agencies under subsection (a); and

9                   (C) \$10,000,000 shall be retained for the  
10          rapid response fund under subsection (d).

11          (2) AVAILABILITY.—Funds appropriated pursu-  
12          ant to the authorization of appropriations in para-  
13          graph (1) shall remain available until expended.

14          (3) LIMITATION ON ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS.—  
15          Not more than three percent of the amount appro-  
16          priated pursuant to the authorization of appropria-  
17          tions in paragraph (1) may be used to cover admin-  
18          istrative expenses incurred by the Secretary.

19   **SEC. 1005. SUPPORT FOR APPLIED RESEARCH REGARDING**  
20                   **CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE.**

21          (a) EXPANSION OF APPLIED RESEARCH GRANTS.—  
22          The Secretary shall make grants to support efforts to ex-  
23          pand and accelerate applied research on chronic wasting  
24          disease, including (but not limited to) research regarding  
25          the following:



1           (1) Sustainable cervid harvest management  
2 practices to reduce chronic wasting disease occur-  
3 rence and to prevent or limit spatial spread of  
4 chronic wasting disease.

5           (2) Management experiments and strategies de-  
6 signed for long-term suppression of chronic wasting  
7 disease.

8           (3) Harvest management practices and other  
9 practices that exacerbate chronic wasting disease oc-  
10 currence, with an emphasis on retrospective analyses  
11 of available harvest management and chronic wast-  
12 ing disease trend data.

13           (4) Factors contributing to local emergence of  
14 chronic wasting disease, increased prevalence of  
15 chronic wasting disease, and distribution of chronic  
16 wasting disease, including mechanisms of disease  
17 transmission and effective barriers to transmission.

18           (5) Methods and products to effectively detect  
19 infectious prions in, and decontaminate infectious  
20 prions from natural environments and inorganic sur-  
21 faces.

22 (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

23           (1) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be  
24 appropriated to the Secretary \$10,000,000 to make  
25 grants under subsection (a).

1           (2) AVAILABILITY.—Funds appropriated pursu-  
2           ant to the authorization of appropriations in para-  
3           graph (1) shall remain available until expended.

4           (3) LIMITATION ON ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS.—  
5           Not more than three percent of the amount appro-  
6           priated pursuant to the authorization of appropria-  
7           tions in paragraph (1) may be used to cover admin-  
8           istrative expenses incurred by the Secretary.

9   **SEC. 1006. MULTI-AGENCY COOPERATION WITH STATES TO**  
10                                   **ADDRESS CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE.**

11           Land management agencies of the Department of Ag-  
12           riculture and the Department of the Interior shall work  
13           cooperatively with States—

14                   (1) in the conduct of applied research regarding  
15           chronic wasting disease; and

16                   (2) in the implementation of State chronic  
17           wasting disease response plans to reduce the spread  
18           and prevalence of chronic wasting disease.

19   **TITLE XI—CHRONIC WASTING**  
20                   **DISEASE TRANSMISSION IN**  
21                   **CERVIDAE STUDY**

22   **SEC. 1101. SHORT TITLE.**

23           This title may be cited as the “Chronic Wasting Dis-  
24           ease Transmission in Cervidae Study Act”.

1 **SEC. 1102. FINDINGS.**

2 Congress makes the following findings:

3 (1) Chronic wasting disease continues to spread  
4 in wild, free-ranging cervid herds and in captive  
5 cervid herds across the United States and Canada,  
6 and as of December 2018, is in 26 States and three  
7 Canadian provinces.

8 (2) From December 2017 to December 2018  
9 alone, the disease was detected for the first time in  
10 free-ranging cervid herds in Mississippi, Montana,  
11 and Tennessee, and there were new positive detec-  
12 tions of the disease in 13 captive cervid herds from  
13 Illinois, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, Pennsylvania,  
14 Wisconsin, and Quebec, Canada.

15 (3) Six of such herds are being monitored by  
16 the National Chronic Wasting Disease Herd Certifi-  
17 cation Program of the Animal and Plant Health In-  
18 spection Service, and therefore are considered to be  
19 at low risk for chronic wasting disease.

20 (4) From June 2017 to September 2018, 10  
21 States, including Arkansas, Illinois, Kansas, Min-  
22 nesota, Missouri, Nebraska, Texas, West Virginia,  
23 Wisconsin, and Wyoming, are already fighting to  
24 control the transmission and spread of chronic wast-  
25 ing disease and found positive detections for the dis-  
26 ease in additional wild, free-ranging cervid herds.

1           (5) New positive detections in captive cervid  
2 herds were found in Illinois, Michigan, Minnesota,  
3 Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin.

4           (6) There is no known cure for chronic wasting  
5 disease, no reliable live animal test to detect the dis-  
6 ease, and only a post-mortem test that provides  
7 some measure of reliable detection of the disease.

8           (7) Chronic wasting disease is 100 percent fatal  
9 and is arguably the most important disease threat-  
10 ening North American cervid resources.

11           (8) The spread of chronic wasting disease con-  
12 tinues to increasingly and adversely affect the eco-  
13 nomic well-being of rural communities, the hunting  
14 public, farmed cervid producers, and State wildlife  
15 and agricultural agencies, because the only known  
16 measure for reducing the spread of chronic wasting  
17 disease is the complete depopulation of herds that  
18 test positive for the disease, a drastic measure which  
19 comes with great costs for all.

20           (9) The long-term environmental persistence of  
21 chronic wasting disease's causative agent means that  
22 State wildlife management agencies, State depart-  
23 ments of agriculture, and private cervid farmers  
24 have relatively few options to mitigate the effects of  
25 such disease.



1 under paragraph (1) shall be paid by the Secre-  
2 taries.

3 (b) CONTENTS OF THE STUDY.—Within and between  
4 wild, captive, and farmed cervid populations, the study—

5 (1) may include, to the extent the United States  
6 is affected on a continental scale, the potential im-  
7 pacts on the disease from transmissions from Can-  
8 ada; and

9 (2) shall—

10 (A) identify—

11 (i) the pathways and mechanisms for  
12 the transmission of chronic wasting disease  
13 in cervids and cervid products;

14 (ii) the dosage and infection rates for  
15 each such pathway and mechanism; and

16 (iii) the relative frequency of each  
17 mode of such transmission;

18 (B) identify anthropogenic and environ-  
19 mental factors contributing to new chronic  
20 wasting disease emergence events, the develop-  
21 ment of geographic areas with increased chronic  
22 wasting disease prevalence, and overall geo-  
23 graphic patterns of chronic wasting disease dis-  
24 tribution;

1 (C) identify significant gaps in current sci-  
2 entific knowledge regarding the transmission  
3 pathways identified under subparagraph (A);

4 (D) identify and prioritize scientific re-  
5 search projects that will address the knowledge  
6 gaps referred to in subparagraph (C); and

7 (E) review science-based best practices,  
8 standards, and guidance regarding the manage-  
9 ment of chronic wasting disease in wild, captive,  
10 and farmed cervid populations in the United  
11 States which have been developed by—

12 (i) the National Chronic Wasting Dis-  
13 ease Herd Certification Program of the  
14 Animal and Plant Health Inspection Serv-  
15 ice;

16 (ii) the United States Geological Sur-  
17 vey; and

18 (iii) State wildlife and agricultural  
19 agencies, which provide practical, science-  
20 based recommendations to State and Fed-  
21 eral agencies for minimizing or eliminating  
22 the risk of transmission of chronic wasting  
23 disease in the United States.

24 (c) DEADLINE.—Not later than 6 months after the  
25 date on which funds are first made available for the study

1 under subsection (a), the Secretaries shall submit to the  
2 Committee on Agriculture of the House of Representa-  
3 tives, the Committee on Natural Resources of the House  
4 of Representatives, the Committee on Environment and  
5 Public Works of the Senate, and the Committee on Agri-  
6 culture, Nutrition, and Forestry of the Senate a report  
7 that describes—

8 (1) the findings of the study; and

9 (2) any conclusions and recommendations that  
10 the Secretary determines to be appropriate.

11 (d) DATA SHARING.—The Secretaries shall share  
12 with the entity conducting the study under subsection (a)  
13 data and access to databases on chronic wasting disease  
14 under the jurisdiction of—

15 (1) the Veterinary Services Program of the Ani-  
16 mal and Plant Health Inspection Service; and

17 (2) the United States Geological Survey.

18 **SEC. 1104. DEFINITIONS.**

19 In this title:

20 (1) ACADEMY.—The term “Academy” means  
21 the National Academy of Sciences.

22 (2) CERVID.—The term “cervid” means any  
23 species within the family Cervidae.

24 (3) CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE.—The term  
25 “chronic wasting disease” means the animal disease



1 afflicting deer, elk, reindeer, and moose populations  
2 that—

3 (A) is a transmissible disease of the nerv-  
4 ous system resulting in distinctive lesions in the  
5 brain; and

6 (B) belongs to the group of diseases known  
7 as transmissible spongiform encephalopathies,  
8 which group includes scrapie, bovine spongiform  
9 encephalopathy, and Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease.

10 (4) SECRETARIES.—The term “Secretaries”  
11 means—

12 (A) the Secretary of Agriculture, acting  
13 through the Administrator of the Animal and  
14 Plant Health Inspection Service; and

15 (B) the Secretary of the Interior, acting  
16 through the Director of the United States Geo-  
17 logical Survey.

## 18 **TITLE XII—MISCELLANEOUS** 19 **PROVISIONS**

### 20 **SEC. 1201. RESPECT FOR TREATIES AND RIGHTS.**

21 Nothing in this Act or the amendments made by this  
22 Act shall be construed to affect or modify any treaty or  
23 other right of any federally recognized Indian Tribe.

1 **SEC. 1202. NO PRIORITY OVER OTHER USES.**

2       Nothing in this Act or the amendments made by this  
3 Act provides a preference to hunting, fishing, or rec-  
4 reational shooting over any other use of Federal land or  
5 water.

6 **SEC. 1203. STATE AUTHORITY FOR FISH AND WILDLIFE.**

7       Nothing in this Act—

8           (1) authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture or  
9 the Secretary to require Federal licenses or permits  
10 to hunt and fish on Federal land; or

11           (2) enlarges or diminishes the responsibility or  
12 authority of States with respect to fish and wildlife  
13 management.

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