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To clarify the boundary of Acadia National Park, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. POLIQUIN (for himself and Ms. PINGREE) introduced the following bill;
which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

A BILL

To clarify the boundary of Acadia National Park, 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.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Acadia National Park
5 Boundary Clarification Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. ACADIA NATIONAL PARK BOUNDARY CLARIFICA-**
7 **TION.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 101 of Public Law 99–
9 420 (16 U.S.C. 341 note) is amended—

10 (1) in the first sentence, by striking “In order
11 to” and inserting the following:

1 “(a) BOUNDARIES.—To”;

2 (2) in the second sentence—

3 (A) by striking “The map” and inserting
4 the following:

5 “(d) AVAILABILITY OF MAPS.—The maps described
6 in subsection (a) and subsection (b)”;

7 (B) by striking “and it shall” and insert-
8 ing “and shall”; and

9 (3) by inserting after subsection (a) (as so des-
10 ignated) the following:

11 “(b) SCHOODIC PENINSULA ADDITION.—The bound-
12 ary of the Park is confirmed to include approximately
13 1,441 acres of land and interests in land, as depicted on
14 the map entitled ‘Acadia National Park, Hancock County,
15 Maine, Schoodic Peninsula Boundary Revision’, numbered
16 123/129102, and dated July 10, 2015.

17 “(c) RATIFICATION AND APPROVAL OF ACQUISITIONS
18 OF LAND.—Congress ratifies and approves—

19 “(1) effective as of September 26, 2013, the ac-
20 quisition by the United States of the land and inter-
21 ests in the land described in subsection (b); and

22 “(2) effective as of the date on which the alter-
23 ation occurred, any alteration of the land or inter-
24 ests in the land described in subsection (b) that is
25 held or claimed by the United States (including con-

1 version of the land to fee simple interest) that oc-
2 curred after the date described in paragraph (1).”.

3 **SEC. 3. LIMITATION ON ACQUISITION OF LAND FOR ACADIA**
4 **NATIONAL PARK.**

5 (a) LIMITATION.—Except as provided in subsection
6 (b), the Secretary of the Interior (referred to in this Act
7 as the “Secretary”) may only acquire land or interests in
8 land within the boundary of Acadia National Park or out-
9 side the boundary of Acadia National Park in Hancock
10 or Knox County, Maine, in accordance with Public Law
11 99–420 (16 U.S.C. 341 note).

12 (b) EXCEPTION.—The Secretary may conduct ex-
13 changes for land and interests in land described in sub-
14 section (a) in accordance with section 102901 of title 54,
15 United States Code.

16 **SEC. 4. SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT.**

17 Section 102(f) of Public Law 99–420 (16 U.S.C. 341
18 note) is amended, in the second sentence, by striking “to-
19 ward the cost of constructing” through the period at the
20 end of the sentence and inserting the following: “\$350,000
21 to a regional consortium composed of units of local govern-
22 ment located on, or in the vicinity of, Mount Desert Is-
23 land, Maine, that is established for the purpose of improv-
24 ing the management of the disposal and recycling of solid
25 waste.”.

1 **SEC. 5. ACADIA NATIONAL PARK ADVISORY COMMISSION.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall reestablish
3 and appoint members to the Acadia National Park Advi-
4 sory Commission in accordance with section 103 of Public
5 Law 99–420 (16 U.S.C. 341 note).

6 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 103 of
7 Public Law 99–420 (16 U.S.C. 341 note) is amended by
8 striking subsection (f).

9 **SEC. 6. REPEAL OF CERTAIN PROVISIONS RELATING TO**
10 **ACADIA NATIONAL PARK.**

11 The following provisions are repealed:

12 (1) Section 3 of the Act of February 26, 1919
13 (40 Stat. 1178, chapter 45).

14 (2) The first section of the Act of January 19,
15 1929 (45 Stat. 1083, chapter 77).

16 **SEC. 7. MODIFICATION OF USE RESTRICTION.**

17 The Act of August 1, 1950 (64 Stat. 383, chapter
18 511), is amended—

19 (1) by striking “That the Secretary” and in-
20 sserting the following:

21 **“SECTION 1. CONVEYANCE OF LAND IN ACADIA NATIONAL**
22 **PARK.**

23 “The Secretary”; and

24 (2) by striking “for school purposes” and in-
25 sserting “for public purposes, subject to the condi-
26 tions that use of the land shall not degrade or ad-

1 versely impact the resources or values of Acadia Na-
2 tional Park and the land shall remain in public own-
3 ership for recreational, educational, or similar public
4 purposes”.

5 **SEC. 8. CONTINUATION OF CERTAIN TRADITIONAL USES.**

6 Title I of Public Law 99–420 (16 U.S.C. 341 note)
7 is amended by adding at the end the following:

8 **“SEC. 109. CONTINUATION OF CERTAIN TRADITIONAL USES.**

9 “To allow for the continuation of traditional har-
10 vesting and aquaculture of clams, worms, mussels,
11 periwinkles, and other marine organisms (as defined in
12 section 6001(26) of title 12 of the Maine Revised Statutes
13 (as in effect on the date of enactment of the Acadia Na-
14 tional Park Boundary Clarification Act)) within intertidal
15 areas within the Park, the Secretary shall permit the har-
16 vesting of the marine organisms in the Park in accordance
17 with the laws (including regulations) of the State of Maine
18 and its political units of local government in the State of
19 Maine.”.

20 **SEC. 9. CONVEYANCE OF CERTAIN LAND IN ACADIA NA-**
21 **TIONAL PARK TO THE TOWN OF BAR HAR-**
22 **BOR, MAINE.**

23 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall convey to the
24 Town of Bar Harbor (referred to in this section as the
25 “Town”) all right, title, and interest of the United States

1 in and to the .29-acre parcel of land in Acadia National
2 Park identified as lot 110–055–000 on the tax map of the
3 Town for section 110, dated April 1, 2015, to be used
4 for a solid waste transfer facility.

5 (b) REVERSION.—If the land conveyed under sub-
6 section (a) is used for a purpose other than the purpose
7 described in that subsection, the land shall, at the discre-
8 tion of the Secretary, revert to the United States.

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