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To amend the Dingell-Johnson Sport Fish Restoration Act with respect to sport fish restoration and recreational boating safety, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. DINGELL (for herself, Mr. GRAVES of Louisiana, Mr. WESTERMAN, Mr. VEASEY, Mr. WITTMAN, Mrs. MURPHY of Florida, and Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

To amend the Dingell-Johnson Sport Fish Restoration Act with respect to sport fish restoration and recreational boating safety, 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 “Sport Fish Restora-
5 tion, Recreational Boating Safety, and Wildlife Restora-
6 tion Act of 2021”.

1 **SEC. 2. DIVISION OF ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 4 of the Dingell-Johnson
3 Sport Fish Restoration Act (16 U.S.C. 777c) is amend-
4 ed—

5 (1) in subsection (a), by striking “2021” and
6 inserting “2025”;

7 (2) in subsection (b)—

8 (A) in paragraph (1)—

9 (i) in subparagraph (A), by striking
10 “2021” and inserting “2025”; and

11 (ii) by amending subparagraph (B) to
12 read as follows—

13 “(B) AVAILABLE AMOUNTS.—The available
14 amount referred to in subparagraph (A) is—

15 “(i) for fiscal year 2022, \$12,786,434,
16 adjusted for inflation as described in
17 clause (ii)(II)(bb); and

18 “(ii) for fiscal year 2023 and each fis-
19 cal year thereafter, the sum of—

20 “(I) the available amount for the
21 preceding fiscal year; and

22 “(II) the amount determined by
23 multiplying—

24 “(aa) the available amount
25 for the preceding fiscal year; and

1 “(bb) the change, relative to
2 the preceding fiscal year, in the
3 Consumer Price Index for All
4 Urban Consumers published by
5 the Department of Labor.”; and

6 (B) in paragraph (2)—

7 (i) in subparagraph (A), by striking
8 “2016 through 2021” and inserting “2022
9 through 2025”; and

10 (ii) by amending subparagraph (B) to
11 read as follows—

12 “(B) AVAILABLE AMOUNTS.—The available
13 amount referred to in subparagraph (A) is—

14 “(i) for fiscal year 2021, \$8,988,700;
15 and

16 “(ii) for fiscal year 2022 and each fis-
17 cal year thereafter, the sum of—

18 “(I) the available amount for the
19 preceding fiscal year; and

20 “(II) the amount determined by
21 multiplying—

22 “(aa) the available amount
23 for the preceding fiscal year; and

24 “(bb) the change, relative to
25 the preceding fiscal year, in the

1 Consumer Price Index for All
2 Urban Consumers published by
3 the Department of Labor.”; and

4 (3) in subsection (e)(2), by striking “\$900,000”
5 and inserting “\$1,300,000”.

6 (b) ADMINISTRATION.—Section 9(a) of the Dingell-
7 Johnson Sport Fish Restoration Act (16 U.S.C. 777h(a))
8 is amended—

9 (1) in paragraph (1)—

10 (A) by striking “on a full-time basis”; and

11 (B) by inserting “for work hours the em-
12 ployee spends directly administering this Act, as
13 such hours are certified by the supervisor of the
14 employee” after “administer this Act”;

15 (2) by striking paragraph (2) and redesignating
16 paragraphs (3) through (12) as paragraphs (2)
17 through (11), respectively;

18 (3) by striking “paragraphs (1) and (2)” and
19 inserting “paragraph (1)” each place it appears;

20 (4) in paragraph (7), as so redesignated, by
21 striking “full-time”;

22 (5) in paragraph (8)(A), as so redesignated, by
23 striking “on a full-time basis”;

24 (6) in paragraph (9), as so redesignated, by
25 striking “on a full-time basis”; and

1 (7) in paragraph (10), as so redesignated—

2 (A) by inserting “or a part-time basis”
3 after “on a full-time basis”; and

4 (B) by inserting “provided that the per-
5 centage of relocation expenses paid with funds
6 under this chapter do not exceed the percentage
7 of work hours the employee spends admin-
8 istering this Act” after “at which the relocation
9 expenses are incurred”.

10 (c) OTHER ACTIVITIES.—Section 14(e) of the Din-
11 gell-Johnson Sport Fish Restoration Act (16 U.S.C.
12 777m(e)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

13 “(3) A portion, as determined by the Sport
14 Fishing and Boating Partnership Council, of funds
15 disbursed for the purposes described in paragraph
16 (2) but remaining unobligated prior to fiscal year
17 2020 shall be used to study—

18 “(A) the impact of derelict recreational
19 vessels on recreational boating safety and rec-
20 reational fishing; and

21 “(B) identify options and methods for re-
22 cycling for recreational vessels.”.

23 **SEC. 3. RECREATIONAL BOATING ACCESS.**

24 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Comptroller General of the
25 United States shall conduct a study on recreational boat-

1 ing access. In carrying out such study, the Comptroller
2 General shall consult with the Sport Fishing and Boating
3 Partnership Council and the National Boating Safety Ad-
4 visory Council on the design, scope, and priorities of such
5 study.

6 (b) CONTENTS.—To the extent practicable, the study
7 required under subsection (a) shall contain a description
8 of—

9 (1) the use of nonmotorized vessels in each
10 State and how the increased use of nonmotorized
11 vessels is impacting motorized and nonmotorized
12 vessel access to waterway entry points;

13 (2) recreational fishing and boating user con-
14 flicts concerning motorized and nonmotorized vessels
15 at waterway access points; and

16 (3) the use of funds provided under the Dingell-
17 Johnson Sport Fish Restoration Act (16 U.S.C. 777
18 et seq.) for—

19 (A) the sport fish restoration program to
20 improve nonmotorized vessel access at waterway
21 entry points and the reasons for providing such
22 access; and

23 (B) the Recreational Boating Safety Pro-
24 gram funds for nonmotorized boating safety
25 programs.

1 (c) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date
2 of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General shall
3 submit to the Sport Fishing and Boating Partnership
4 Council, the Committees on Natural Resources and Trans-
5 portation and Infrastructure of the House of Representa-
6 tives, and the Committees on Commerce, Science, and
7 Transportation and Environment and Public Works of the
8 Senate a report containing the study required under this
9 section.

10 (d) STATE DEFINED.—In this section, the term
11 “State” means any State, the District of Columbia, the
12 Commonwealths of Puerto Rico and the Northern Mariana
13 Islands, and the territories of Guam, the U.S. Virgin Is-
14 lands, and American Samoa.

15 **SEC. 4. WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND ADMINISTRATION.**

16 (a) ALLOCATION AND APPORTIONMENT OF AVAIL-
17 ABLE AMOUNTS.—Section 4 of the Pittman-Robertson
18 Wildlife Restoration Act (16 U.S.C. 669c), is amended—

19 (1) in subsection (a)(1)(B)—

20 (A) in clause (i) by striking “for each of
21 fiscal years 2001 and 2002, \$9,000,000;” and
22 inserting the following: “for fiscal year 2022,
23 \$12,786,434, adjusted for inflation as described
24 in clause (ii)(II)(bb);”; and

1 (B) by striking clauses (ii) and (iii) and in-
2 serting the following:

3 “(ii) for fiscal year 2023, and each
4 fiscal year thereafter, the sum of—

5 “(I) the available amount for the
6 preceding fiscal year; and

7 “(II) the amount determined by
8 multiplying—

9 “(aa) the available amount
10 for the preceding fiscal year; and

11 “(bb) the change, relative to
12 the preceding fiscal year, in the
13 Consumer Price Index for All
14 Urban Consumers published by
15 the Department of Labor.”; and

16 (2) in subsection (a)(2)(A) by striking “the end
17 of the fiscal year” and inserting “the end of the sub-
18 sequent fiscal year”.

19 (b) AUTHORIZED EXPENSES FOR ADMINISTRA-
20 TION.—Section 9(a) of the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife
21 Restoration Act (16 U.S.C. 669h(a)) is amended—

22 (1) in paragraph (1)—

23 (A) by striking “on a full-time basis”; and

24 (B) by inserting “for the work hours the
25 employee spends directly administering this Act,

1 as such hours are certified by the supervisor of
2 the employee” after “administer this Act”;

3 (2) by striking “paragraphs (1) and (2)” and
4 inserting “paragraph (1)” each place it appears;

5 (3) by striking paragraph (2) and redesignating
6 paragraphs (3) through (12) as paragraphs (2)
7 through (11), respectively;

8 (4) in paragraph (7), as so redesignated, by
9 striking “full-time”;

10 (5) in paragraph (8)(A), as so redesignated, by
11 striking “on a full-time basis”;

12 (6) in paragraph (9), as so redesignated, by
13 striking “on a full-time basis”; and

14 (7) in paragraph (10), as so redesignated—

15 (A) by inserting “or a part-time basis”
16 after “on a full-time basis”; and

17 (B) by inserting “, provided that the per-
18 centage of relocation expenses paid with funds
19 under this chapter do not exceed the percentage
20 of work hours the employee spends admin-
21 istering this Act” after “at which the relocation
22 expenses are incurred”.

1 **SEC. 5. SPORT FISH RESTORATION AND BOATING TRUST**
2 **FUND.**

3 Section 13107(c)(2) of title 46, United States Code,
4 is amended by striking “No funds available” and inserting
5 “On or after October 1, 2023 no funds available,”.

6 **SEC. 6. SPORT FISHING AND BOATING PARTNERSHIP**
7 **COUNCIL.**

8 The Sport Fishing and Boating Partnership Council
9 established by the Secretary of the Interior shall be a Fed-
10 eral advisory committee of both the Department of the In-
11 terior and the Department of Commerce, and the secre-
12 taries of Interior and Commerce shall jointly carry out the
13 requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act with
14 respect to the Sport Fishing and Boating Partnership
15 Council.

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