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To establish a collaborative program to protect the Great Lakes, and for other purposes.

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Mr. EHLERS (for himself, Mr. EMANUEL, Mr. KIRK, Mr. DINGELL, Mr. REYNOLDS, Mr. LATOURETTE, Mr. WALBERG, Mrs. MILLER of Michigan, Mr. KNOLLENBERG, Mr. CAMP of Michigan, Mr. HOEKSTRA, Mr. UPTON, and Mr. STUPAK) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committees on Natural Resources, Science and Technology, and House Administration, 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 establish a collaborative program to protect the Great Lakes, 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; TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

4 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the
5 “Great Lakes Collaboration Implementation Act”.

6 (b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents of
7 this Act is as follows:

- Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.
- Sec. 2. Findings.
- Sec. 3. Definitions.

TITLE I—INVASIVE SPECIES PREVENTION

Subtitle A—National Aquatic Invasive Species

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- Sec. 101. Prevention of introduction of aquatic Invasive Species into waters of the United States by vessels.
- Sec. 102. Armed Services whole vessel management program.

CHAPTER 2—PREVENTION OF THE INTRODUCTION OF AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES BY OTHER PATHWAYS

- Sec. 106. Priority pathway management program.
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CHAPTER 3—EARLY DETECTION; RAPID RESPONSE; CONTROL AND OUTREACH

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TITLE II—COASTAL HEALTH

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- Sec. 202. Sewer overflow control grants.
- Sec. 203. Water pollution control revolving loan funds.
- Sec. 204. Allotment of funds.
- Sec. 205. Authorization of appropriations.

TITLE III—AREAS OF CONCERN

- Sec. 301. Great Lakes.

TITLE IV—CLEAN WATER AUTHORITY

- Sec. 401. Definition of waters of the United States.
- Sec. 402. Conforming amendments.

TITLE V—TOXIC SUBSTANCES

- Sec. 501. Mercury reduction grants.

TITLE VI—INDICATORS AND INFORMATION

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- Sec. 601. Research reauthorizations.
- Sec. 602. Great Lakes Environmental Research Laboratory.
- Sec. 603. Great Lakes Science Center.
- Sec. 604. Center for sponsored coastal ocean research.

Subtitle B—Ocean and Coastal Observation System

- Sec. 611. Definitions.
- Sec. 612. Integrated ocean and coastal observing system.
- Sec. 613. Research, development, and education.
- Sec. 614. Interagency financing.
- Sec. 615. Application with Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act.
- Sec. 616. Authorization of appropriations.
- Sec. 617. Reporting requirement.

Subtitle C—Great Lakes Water Quality Indicators and Monitoring

- Sec. 621. Great Lakes water quality indicators and monitoring.

TITLE VII—SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

- Sec. 701. Waterfront restoration and remediation projects.

- Sec. 702. Authority of Secretary to restore and remediate waterfront and related areas.
 Sec. 703. Authorization of appropriations.

TITLE VIII—COORDINATION AND OVERSIGHT

- Sec. 801. Definitions.
 Sec. 802. Great Lakes Interagency Task Force.
 Sec. 803. Executive Committee.
 Sec. 804. Great Lakes Regional Collaboration.

1 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

2 Congress finds that—

3 (1) the Great Lakes, with about 20 percent of
 4 the Earth's fresh surface water, is a treasure of
 5 global significance, supporting drinking water for
 6 millions of people, providing for commerce, and
 7 recreation for people from across the Nation and
 8 around the world;

9 (2) renewed efforts and investments are critical
 10 to aid in fulfilling the goals and objectives of the
 11 Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement between the
 12 United States and Canada;

13 (3) in a report issued in December 2005, a
 14 group of leading scientists from top institutions in
 15 the Great Lakes area found that—

16 (A) the Great Lakes are on the brink of an
 17 ecologic catastrophe;

18 (B) the primary stressors straining the
 19 health of the Great Lakes are—

20 (i) toxic chemicals;

1 (ii) overloading of human waste and
2 urban and agricultural runoff;

3 (iii) physical changes to the shorelines
4 and wetlands;

5 (iv) invasive plant and animal species;

6 (v) changes in water patterns; and

7 (vi) overfishing;

8 (C) the deterioration of the Great Lakes
9 ecosystem is accelerating dramatically; and

10 (D) if the pattern of deterioration is not
11 reversed immediately, the damage could be ir-
12 reparable;

13 (4) as a result of the stressors described in
14 paragraph (3)(B)—

15 (A) over 1,800 beaches were closed in
16 2003;

17 (B) Lake Erie has developed a 6,300
18 square mile dead zone that forms every sum-
19 mer;

20 (C) the zebra mussels, an aquatic invasive
21 species, cause \$500,000,000 per year in eco-
22 nomic and environmental damage in the Great
23 Lakes;

1 (D) there is no appreciable natural repro-
2 duction of lake trout in the lower 4 Great
3 Lakes; and

4 (E) wildlife habitats have been destroyed,
5 which has diminished fishing, hunting, and
6 other outdoor recreation opportunities in the
7 Great Lakes;

8 (5) because of the patchwork approach to fixing
9 the problems facing the Great Lakes, the problems
10 have not only persisted in, but have also gotten
11 worse in some areas of, the Great Lakes;

12 (6) rather than dealing with 1 problem or loca-
13 tion of the Great Lakes at a time, a comprehensive
14 restoration of the system is needed to prevent the
15 Great Lakes from collapsing;

16 (7) in December 2004, work began on the
17 Great Lakes Regional Collaboration, a unique part-
18 nership that was—

19 (A) formed for the purpose of developing a
20 strategic action plan for Great Lakes restora-
21 tion; and

22 (B) composed of—

23 (i) key members from the Federal
24 Government, State and local governments,
25 and Indian tribes; and

1 (ii) other stakeholders;

2 (8) over 1,500 people throughout the Great
3 Lakes region participated in this collaborative proc-
4 ess, with participants working on 1 or more of the
5 8 strategy teams that focused on different issues af-
6 fecting the Great Lakes basin;

7 (9) the recommendations of the Great Lakes
8 Regional Collaboration, which was released on De-
9 cember 12, 2005, identify actions to address the
10 issues affecting the Great Lake basin on the Fed-
11 eral, State, local, and tribal level; and

12 (10) comprehensive restoration must be adapt-
13 ive, and ongoing efforts are needed continually to
14 implement the recommendations of the Great Lakes
15 Regional Collaboration relating to buffers, river res-
16 toration, wetlands, emerging toxic pollutants, and
17 other issues affecting the Great Lakes basin.

18 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

19 Section 1003 of the Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance
20 Prevention and Control Act of 1990 (16 U.S.C. 4702) is
21 amended to read as follows:

22 **“SEC. 1003. DEFINITIONS.**

23 “In this Act:

1 “(1) ADMINISTRATOR.—The term ‘Adminis-
2 trator’ means the Administrator of the Environ-
3 mental Protection Agency.

4 “(2) AQUATIC ECOSYSTEM.—The term ‘aquatic
5 ecosystem’ means a freshwater, marine, or estuarine
6 environment (including inland waters and wetlands),
7 located wholly in the United States.

8 “(3) AQUATIC ORGANISM.—

9 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The term ‘aquatic or-
10 ganism’ means a living animal, plant, fungus,
11 or microorganism inhabiting or reproducing in
12 an aquatic ecosystem.

13 “(B) INCLUSIONS.—The term ‘aquatic or-
14 ganism’ includes—

15 “(i) seeds;

16 “(ii) eggs;

17 “(iii) spores; and

18 “(iv) any other viable biological mate-
19 rial.

20 “(4) ASSISTANT SECRETARY.—The term ‘As-
21 sistant Secretary’ means the Assistant Secretary of
22 the Army for Civil Works.

23 “(5) BALLAST WATER.—The term ‘ballast
24 water’ means any water (with its suspended matter)
25 used to maintain the trim and stability of a vessel.

1 “(6) BEST PERFORMING TREATMENT TECH-
2 NOLOGY.—The term ‘best performing treatment
3 technology’ means the ballast water treatment tech-
4 nology that is, as determined by the Secretary—

5 “(A) the most biologically effective;

6 “(B) the most environmentally sound; and

7 “(C) suitable, available, and economically
8 practicable.

9 “(7) COASTAL VOYAGE.—The term ‘coastal voy-
10 age’ means a voyage conducted entirely within the
11 exclusive economic zone.

12 “(8) DIRECTOR.—The term ‘Director’ means
13 the Director of the United States Fish and Wildlife
14 Service.

15 “(9) ENVIRONMENTALLY SOUND.—The term
16 ‘environmentally sound’, refers to an activity that
17 prevents or reduces introductions, or controls infes-
18 tations, of aquatic invasive species in a manner that
19 minimizes adverse effects on—

20 “(A) the structure and function of an eco-
21 system; and

22 “(B) nontarget organisms and ecosystems.

23 “(10) EXCLUSIVE ECONOMIC ZONE.—The term
24 ‘exclusive economic zone’ means the area comprised
25 of—

1 “(A) the Exclusive Economic Zone of the
2 United States established by Proclamation
3 Number 5030, dated March 10, 1983; and

4 “(B) the equivalent zones of Canada and
5 Mexico.

6 “(11) EXISTING VESSEL.—The term ‘existing
7 vessel’ means any vessel that enters service on or be-
8 fore December 31, 2009.

9 “(12) GREAT LAKES.—The term ‘Great Lakes’
10 means—

11 “(A) Lake Erie;

12 “(B) Lake Huron (including Lake Saint
13 Clair);

14 “(C) Lake Michigan;

15 “(D) Lake Ontario;

16 “(E) Lake Superior;

17 “(F) the connecting channels of those
18 Lakes, including—

19 “(i) the Saint Mary’s River;

20 “(ii) the Saint Clair River;

21 “(iii) the Detroit River;

22 “(iv) the Niagara River; and

23 “(v) the Saint Lawrence River to the
24 Canadian border; and

1 “(G) any other body of water located with-
2 in the drainage basin of a Lake, River, or con-
3 necting channel described in any of subpara-
4 graphs (A) through (F).

5 “(13) GREAT LAKES REGION.—The term ‘Great
6 Lakes region’ means the region comprised of the
7 States of Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota,
8 New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin.

9 “(14) IN TRADE.—The term ‘in trade’, with re-
10 spect to a species, means a species that has a docu-
11 mented history of repeatedly being commercially im-
12 ported into the United States during the period be-
13 ginning on January 1, 1990, and ending on January
14 1, 2007.

15 “(15) INDIAN TRIBE.—The term ‘Indian tribe’
16 has the meaning given the term in section 4 of the
17 Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance
18 Act (25 U.S.C. 450b).

19 “(16) INTERBASIN WATERWAY.—The term
20 ‘interbasin waterway’ means a waterway that con-
21 nects 2 distinct water basins.

22 “(17) INTRODUCTION.—The term ‘introduction’
23 means the transfer of an organism to an ecosystem
24 outside the historic range of the species of which the
25 organism is a member.

1 “(18) INVASION.—The term ‘invasion’ means
2 an infestation of an aquatic invasive species.

3 “(19) INVASIVE SPECIES.—The term ‘invasive
4 species’ means a nonindigenous species the introduc-
5 tion of which into an ecosystem may cause harm to
6 the economy, environment, human health, recreation,
7 or public welfare.

8 “(20) NATIONAL INVASIVE SPECIES COUNCIL.—
9 The term ‘National Invasive Species Council’ means
10 the interagency council established by section 3 of
11 Executive Order No. 13112 (42 U.S.C. 4321 note).

12 “(21) NEW VESSEL.—The term ‘new vessel’
13 means any vessel that enters service on or after Jan-
14 uary 1, 2010.

15 “(22) NONINDIGENOUS SPECIES.—The term
16 ‘nonindigenous species’ means any species in an eco-
17 system the range of which exceeds the historic range
18 of the species in that ecosystem.

19 “(23) ORGANISM TRANSFER.—The term ‘orga-
20 nism transfer’ means the movement of an organism
21 of any species from 1 ecosystem to another eco-
22 system outside the historic range of the species.

23 “(24) PATHWAY.—The term ‘pathway’ means 1
24 or more vectors by which an invasive species is
25 transferred from 1 ecosystem to another.

1 “(25) PLANNED IMPORTATION.—The term
2 ‘planned importation’ means the purposeful move-
3 ment of 1 or more nonindigenous organisms for use
4 in the territorial limits of the United States.

5 “(26) REGIONAL PANEL.—The term ‘regional
6 panel’ means a panel convened in accordance with
7 section 1203.

8 “(27) SALTWATER FLUSHING.—The term ‘salt-
9 water flushing’ means the process of—

10 “(A) adding midocean water to a ballast
11 water tank that contains residual quantities of
12 ballast water;

13 “(B) mixing the midocean water with the
14 residual ballast water and sediment in the tank
15 through the motion of a ship; and

16 “(C) discharging the mixed water so that
17 the salinity of the resulting residual ballast
18 water in the tank exceeds 30 parts per thou-
19 sand.

20 “(28) SECRETARY.—The term ‘Secretary’
21 means the Secretary of Homeland Security.

22 “(29) SPECIES.—The term ‘species’ means any
23 fundamental category of taxonomic classification
24 below the level of genus or subgenus, including a

1 species, subspecies, or any recognized variety of ani-
2 mal, plant, fungus, or microorganism.

3 “(30) TASK FORCE.—The term ‘Task Force’
4 means the Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force es-
5 tablished by section 1201(a).

6 “(31) TREATMENT.—The term ‘treatment’
7 means a mechanical, physical, chemical, biological,
8 or other process or method of killing, removing, or
9 rendering inviable organisms.

10 “(32) TYPE APPROVAL.—The term ‘type ap-
11 proval’ means an approval procedure under which a
12 type of system is initially certified as meeting a
13 standard established by law (including a regulation)
14 for a particular application if the system is operated
15 correctly.

16 “(33) UNDER SECRETARY.—The term ‘Under
17 Secretary’ means the Under Secretary of Commerce
18 for Oceans and Atmosphere.

19 “(34) UNDESIRABLE IMPACT.—The term ‘unde-
20 sirable impact’ means economic, human health, aes-
21 thetic, or environmental degradation that is not nec-
22 essary for, and is not clearly outweighed by, public
23 health, environmental, or welfare benefits.

24 “(35) WATERS OF THE UNITED STATES.—

1 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The term ‘waters of
2 the United States’ means the navigable waters
3 and territorial sea of the United States.

4 “(B) INCLUSION.—The term ‘waters of the
5 United States’ includes the Great Lakes.”.

6 **TITLE I—INVASIVE SPECIES**
7 **PREVENTION**
8 **Subtitle A—National Aquatic**
9 **Invasive Species**

10 **CHAPTER 1—PREVENTION OF INTRODUC-**
11 **TION OF AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES**
12 **INTO WATERS OF THE UNITED STATES**
13 **BY VESSELS**

14 **SEC. 101. PREVENTION OF INTRODUCTION OF AQUATIC**
15 **INVASIVE SPECIES INTO WATERS OF THE**
16 **UNITED STATES BY VESSELS.**

17 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1101 of the Nonindige-
18 nous Aquatic Nuisance Prevention and Control Act of
19 1990 (16 U.S.C. 4711) is amended to read as follows:

20 **“SEC. 1101. PREVENTION OF INTRODUCTION OF AQUATIC**
21 **INVASIVE SPECIES INTO WATERS OF THE**
22 **UNITED STATES BY VESSELS.**

23 “(a) REQUIREMENTS FOR VESSELS OPERATING IN
24 WATERS OF THE UNITED STATES.—

25 “(1) INVASIVE SPECIES MANAGEMENT PLAN.—

1 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Effective beginning on
2 the date that is 180 days after the issuance of
3 guidelines pursuant to subparagraph (D) and
4 promulgation of any regulations under this sec-
5 tion, each vessel that is equipped with a ballast
6 tank, and any towed vessel or structure, oper-
7 ating in waters of the United States shall have
8 in effect, and have available for inspection, an
9 aquatic invasive species management plan.

10 “(B) SPECIFICITY.—The management plan
11 shall be specific to the vessel (or group of ves-
12 sels with characteristics similar to that of the
13 vessel, as determined by the Secretary).

14 “(C) REQUIREMENTS.—The management
15 plan shall—

16 “(i) prescribe a safe and effective
17 means to minimize introductions and
18 transfers of invasive species; and

19 “(ii) include, at a minimum, such in-
20 formation as is requested by the Secretary
21 pursuant to subparagraph (D), including—

22 “(I) operational requirements to
23 safely and effectively comply with the
24 applicable ballast water management
25 requirements under paragraph (4);

1 “(II) operational requirements to
2 safely and effectively carry out any
3 actions consistent with a rapid re-
4 sponse contingency strategy required
5 by States and approved by the Sec-
6 retary under section 1211;

7 “(III) at the discretion of the
8 Secretary, other operational require-
9 ments that are specified in guidelines
10 adopted by the International Maritime
11 Organization;

12 “(IV) a description of all report-
13 ing requirements and a copy of each
14 form necessary to meet those require-
15 ments;

16 “(V) the position of the officer
17 responsible for implementation of bal-
18 last water management and reporting
19 procedures on board;

20 “(VI) documents relevant to
21 aquatic invasive species management
22 equipment or procedures;

23 “(VII) a description of the loca-
24 tion of access points for sampling bal-

1 last or sediments pursuant to para-
2 graph (3)(B)(vi);

3 “(VIII) a description of require-
4 ments relating to compliance with any
5 approved rapid response strategy rel-
6 evant to the voyage of the vessel;

7 “(IX) a contingency strategy ap-
8 plicable under section 1211, if appro-
9 priate; and

10 “(X) such requirements described
11 in subsection (b) as are applicable to
12 the vessel.

13 “(D) GUIDELINES.—Not later than 18
14 months after the date of enactment of the
15 Great Lakes Collaboration Implementation Act,
16 the Secretary shall issue final guidelines for the
17 development of invasive species management
18 plans, including guidelines that—

19 “(i) identify types of vessels for which
20 plans are required;

21 “(ii) establish processes for updating
22 and revising the plans; and

23 “(iii) establish criteria for compliance
24 with this subsection.

25 “(2) RECORDS.—The master of a vessel shall—

1 “(A) maintain records of all ballast oper-
2 ations, for such period of time and including
3 such information as the Secretary may specify;

4 “(B) permit inspection of the records by
5 representatives of the Secretary and of the
6 State in which the port is located; and

7 “(C) transmit records to the National Bal-
8 last Information Clearinghouse established
9 under section 1102(f).

10 “(3) BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES.—

11 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 18
12 months after the date of enactment of the
13 Great Lakes Collaboration Implementation Act,
14 the Secretary shall issue guidelines on best
15 management practices to eliminate or minimize
16 and monitor organism transfer by vessels.

17 “(B) PRACTICES TO BE INCLUDED.—The
18 best management practices shall include—

19 “(i) sediment management in trans-
20 oceanic vessels;

21 “(ii) minimization of ballast water up-
22 take in areas in which there is a greater
23 risk of harmful organisms entering ballast
24 tanks (such as areas with toxic algal

1 blooms or known outbreaks of aquatic
2 invasive species);

3 “(iii) avoidance of unnecessary dis-
4 charge of ballast water in a port that was
5 taken up in another port;

6 “(iv) to the maximum extent prac-
7 ticable, collection and the proper disposal
8 of debris from the cleaning of the hull;

9 “(v) proper use of anti-fouling coat-
10 ing; and

11 “(vi) provision of sample access ports
12 in ballast piping for sampling of ballast in-
13 take and discharge.

14 “(4) BALLAST WATER MANAGEMENT.—

15 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Effective beginning on
16 the date that is 180 days after the Secretary
17 promulgates regulations to carry out this sec-
18 tion, and except as provided in subparagraph
19 (B), each vessel equipped with a ballast water
20 tank that enters a United States port shall
21 comply with the regulations relating to ballast
22 water management.

23 “(B) EXCEPTIONS.—

24 “(i) VESSELS OPERATING ENTIRELY
25 WITHIN EXCLUSIVE ECONOMIC ZONE.—Be-

1 fore December 31, 2011, a vessel equipped
2 with a ballast tank, and any towed vessel
3 or structure, that operates entirely within
4 the exclusive economic zone shall not be re-
5 quired to comply with the regulations de-
6 scribed in subsection (b)(2).

7 “(ii) VESSELS OPERATING IN EN-
8 CLOSED AQUATIC ECOSYSTEMS.—

9 “(I) IN GENERAL.—Subject to
10 subclause (II), an existing vessel
11 equipped with a ballast tank, and any
12 towed vessel or structure, that oper-
13 ates exclusively in the upper 4 Great
14 Lakes (Lake Superior, Lake Michi-
15 gan, Lake Huron, and Lake Erie, and
16 the connecting channels), or in an-
17 other enclosed aquatic ecosystem shall
18 not be required to comply with the
19 regulations described in subsection
20 (b)(1).

21 “(II) ADDITIONAL ENCLOSED
22 AQUATIC ECOSYSTEMS.—The Admin-
23 istrator and the Under Secretary, in
24 consultation with regional panels of
25 the Task Force, may determine addi-

1 tional enclosed aquatic ecosystems in
2 which the potential for movement of
3 organisms by natural and anthropo-
4 genic means is not significantly al-
5 tered by the movement of the vessels
6 equipped with ballast tanks.

7 “(b) INVASIVE SPECIES MANAGEMENT REGULA-
8 TIONS AND CERTIFICATION PROCEDURES.—

9 “(1) REGULATIONS.—Not later than 18 months
10 after the date of enactment of the Great Lakes Col-
11 laboration Implementation Act, the Secretary, with
12 the concurrence of the Administrator and in con-
13 sultation with the Task Force, shall promulgate final
14 regulations establishing performance requirements
15 for vessels to reduce or eliminate introduction by the
16 vessels of invasive species to waters of the United
17 States, including—

18 “(A) ballast water management operations
19 (including relevant contingency procedures in
20 instances in which a safety exemption is used
21 pursuant to subsection (h)); and

22 “(B) management of other vessel path-
23 ways, including the hull and sea chest of a ves-
24 sel.

1 “(2) BALLAST WATER EXCHANGE.—The regula-
2 tions promulgated pursuant to paragraph (1)—

3 “(A) shall apply only to existing vessels;

4 “(B) shall expire not later than December
5 31, 2011; and

6 “(C) shall include—

7 “(i) a provision for ballast water ex-
8 change that requires—

9 “(I) at least 1 empty-and-refill
10 cycle, outside the exclusive economic
11 zone or in an alternative exchange
12 area designated by the Secretary, of
13 each ballast tank that contains ballast
14 water to be discharged into waters of
15 the United States; or

16 “(II) for a case in which the
17 master of a vessel determines that
18 compliance with the requirement
19 under subclause (I) is impracticable, a
20 sufficient number of flow-through ex-
21 changes of ballast water, outside the
22 exclusive economic zone or in an alter-
23 native exchange area designated by
24 the Secretary, to achieve replacement
25 of at least 95 percent of ballast water

1 in ballast tanks of the vessel, as deter-
2 mined by a certification dye study
3 conducted or model developed in ac-
4 cordance with protocols developed
5 under paragraph (5)(B) and recorded
6 in the management plan of a vessel
7 pursuant to subsection
8 (a)(1)(C)(ii)(I); and

9 “(ii) if a ballast water exchange is not
10 undertaken pursuant to subsection (h), a
11 contingency procedure that requires the
12 master of a vessel to use the best prac-
13 ticable technology or practice to treat bal-
14 last discharge.

15 “(3) BALLAST WATER TREATMENT.—

16 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The regulations pro-
17 mulgated pursuant to paragraph (1) shall re-
18 quire a vessel to which this section applies to
19 conduct ballast water treatment in accordance
20 with this paragraph before discharging ballast
21 water.

22 “(B) PERFORMANCE STANDARDS.—Sub-
23 ject to subparagraph (C)(ii), the regulations
24 shall require that ballast water discharged
25 shall—

1 “(i) contain—

2 “(I) less than 1 living organism
3 per 10 cubic meters that is 50 or
4 more micrometers in minimum dimen-
5 sion;

6 “(II) less than 1 living organism
7 per 10 milliliters that is—

8 “(aa) less than 50 microm-
9 eters in minimum dimension; and

10 “(bb) more than 10 microm-
11 eters in minimum dimension;

12 “(III) concentrations of indicator
13 microbes that are less than—

14 “(aa)(AA) 1 colony-forming
15 unit of toxicogenic *Vibrio cholera*
16 (serotypes O1 and O139) per
17 100 milliliters; or

18 “(BB) 1 colony-forming unit
19 of that microbe per gram of wet
20 weight of zoological samples;

21 “(bb) 126 colony-forming
22 units of *escherichia coli* per 100
23 milliliters; and

1 “(cc) 33 colony-forming
2 units of intestinal enterococci per
3 100 milliliters; and

4 “(IV) concentrations of such ad-
5 ditional indicator microbes as may be
6 specified in regulations promulgated
7 by the Secretary, in consultation with
8 the Administrator, that are less than
9 the quantities specified in those regu-
10 lations; or

11 “(ii) comply with an alternative stand-
12 ard that is at least as protective as the
13 standards under clause (i), as determined
14 by the Secretary.

15 “(C) BEST PERFORMING TREATMENT.—

16 “(i) IN GENERAL.—Not later than
17 December 31, 2010, the Secretary, in con-
18 sultation with the Administrator, based on
19 technology assessments implemented before
20 July 31, 2010, shall determine whether
21 technologies exist that provide for the
22 achievement of the standards described in
23 subparagraph (B).

24 “(ii) MODIFICATION OF STAND-
25 ARDS.—If the Secretary, in consultation

1 with the Administrator, determines under
2 clause (i) that no technology exists that
3 provides for the achievement of the stand-
4 ards described in subparagraph (B), the
5 Secretary shall modify the standards to re-
6 quire vessels to discharge ballast water
7 that has been treated with a treatment sys-
8 tem that is among the best-performing 25
9 percent of treatment systems that meet the
10 applicable ballast discharge standard of the
11 International Maritime Organization.

12 “(D) RECEPTION FACILITY EXCEPTION.—

13 “(i) IN GENERAL.—The requirements
14 of this paragraph shall not apply to a ves-
15 sel that discharges ballast water into a
16 land-based or water-based facility for the
17 reception of ballast water that meets each
18 applicable standard under clause (ii).

19 “(ii) APPLICABLE STANDARDS.—Not
20 later than 1 year after the date of enact-
21 ment of the Great Lakes Collaboration Im-
22 plementation Act, the Administrator and
23 the Secretary shall jointly promulgate
24 standards for—

1 “(I) the reception of ballast
2 water in land-based and water-based
3 reception facilities; and

4 “(II) the disposal or treatment of
5 received ballast water in a manner
6 that does not damage the environ-
7 ment, human health, property, or re-
8 sources.

9 “(4) REVIEW AND REVISION.—The Secretary,
10 in concurrence with the Administrator, shall review
11 and revise, not less frequently than once every 3
12 years—

13 “(A) any determination relating to the de-
14 termination under paragraph (3)(C)(i); and

15 “(B) any modification of a standard under
16 paragraph (3)(C)(ii).

17 “(5) CERTIFICATION OF TREATMENTS AND
18 PRACTICES.—

19 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than the
20 date on which regulations are promulgated pur-
21 suant to paragraphs (2) and (3), the Secretary
22 shall, with the concurrence of the Adminis-
23 trator, promulgate regulations for—

1 “(i) the certification of treatments or
2 practices the performances of which com-
3 ply with the regulations; and

4 “(ii) on-going enforcement of the ef-
5 fective use of the certified treatments or
6 practices.

7 “(B) CERTIFICATION OF BALLAST WATER
8 EXCHANGE PROCEDURES.—The certification of
9 ballast water exchange procedures in compli-
10 ance with the regulations promulgated pursuant
11 to paragraph (2) shall be based on a qualified
12 type-approval process, including a protocol in-
13 volving dye studies or models detailing flow dy-
14 namics of a vessel or class of vessels described
15 in paragraph (2)(A)(ii) for demonstrating the
16 number of flow-through exchanges necessary for
17 such a vessel to meet the percentage purge re-
18 quirements associated with the flow-through
19 technique for ballast water exchange.

20 “(C) CERTIFICATION OF ALL OTHER BAL-
21 LAST WATER DISCHARGE TREATMENTS.—The
22 certification of treatments in compliance with
23 the regulations promulgated pursuant to para-
24 graph (1)(B) shall be based on a qualified type-
25 approval process that—

1 “(i) is capable of estimating the ex-
2 tent to which ballast water discharge treat-
3 ed by a ballast water treatment system is
4 likely to comply with applicable standards,
5 including any restrictions relating to—

6 “(I) biological, chemical, or phys-
7 ical conditions of water taken into bal-
8 last; and

9 “(II) conditions encountered dur-
10 ing a voyage;

11 “(ii) is capable of determining the ex-
12 tent to which a ballast water treatment
13 method—

14 “(I) is environmentally sound,
15 based on criteria promulgated by the
16 Administrator under paragraph
17 (8)(A); and

18 “(II) is safe for vessel and crew;

19 “(iii) may be used in estimating the
20 expected useful life of the ballast water
21 treatment system, as determined on the
22 basis of voyage patterns and normal use
23 conditions;

1 “(iv) includes a ship-boarding testing
2 component (and may include a shore-based
3 testing component);

4 “(v) provides for appropriate moni-
5 toring, as determined by the Adminis-
6 trator;

7 “(vi) provides for revocation by the
8 Administrator of approval pending the re-
9 sults of the monitoring; and

10 “(vii) is cost-effective.

11 “(D) EXPIRATION OF BALLAST WATER EX-
12 CHANGE OPTION.—On the date of expiration of
13 the ballast water exchange option under para-
14 graph (2), the certification process shall apply
15 to all methods of ballast water management,
16 treatment, and system design.

17 “(E) REVIEW AND REVISION.—Not less
18 frequently than once every 3 years, the Sec-
19 retary, in conjunction with the Administrator,
20 shall review and, if necessary, revise the certifi-
21 cation process pursuant to subsection (d)(1).

22 “(F) APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL.—

23 “(i) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary and
24 the Administrator shall approve an appli-
25 cation for certification of a ballast water

1 treatment system only if the application is
2 in such form and contains such informa-
3 tion as the Secretary and Administrator
4 may require.

5 “(ii) APPROVAL AND DISAPPROVAL.—

6 “(I) IN GENERAL.—On receipt of
7 an application under clause (i)—

8 “(aa) the Administrator
9 shall, not later than 90 days
10 after the date of receipt of the
11 application—

12 “(AA) review the appli-
13 cation for compliance and
14 consistency with environ-
15 mental soundness criteria
16 promulgated under para-
17 graph (8)(A); and

18 “(BB) approve those
19 ballast water treatment sys-
20 tems that meet those cri-
21 teria; and

22 “(bb) the Secretary, in con-
23 sultation with the Task Force,
24 shall, not later than 180 days

1 after the date of receipt of the
2 application—

3 “(AA) determine
4 whether the ballast water
5 treatment system covered by
6 the application meets the re-
7 quirements of this sub-
8 section, as appropriate;

9 “(BB) approve or dis-
10 approve the application; and

11 “(CC) provide the ap-
12 plicant written notice of ap-
13 proval or disapproval.

14 “(II) LIMITATIONS.—An applica-
15 tion approved under subclause (I)
16 shall—

17 “(aa) be qualified with any
18 limitations relating to voyage
19 pattern, duration, or any other
20 characteristic that may affect the
21 effectiveness or environmental
22 soundness of the ballast water
23 treatment system covered by the
24 application, as determined by the

1 Secretary in consultation with
2 the Administrator;

3 “(bb) be applicable to a spe-
4 cific vessel or group of vessels, as
5 determined by the Secretary;

6 “(cc) be valid for the least
7 of—

8 “(AA) the expected use-
9 ful life of the ballast water
10 treatment system;

11 “(BB) 10 years; or

12 “(CC) such period of
13 time for which the Secretary
14 or Administrator (as appro-
15 priate) determines that
16 (based on available informa-
17 tion, including information
18 developed pursuant to para-
19 graph (6)(B)(iii)) there ex-
20 ists a serious deficiency in
21 performance or environ-
22 mental soundness of the sys-
23 tem relative to anticipated
24 performance or environ-
25 mental soundness; and

1 “(dd) be renewed if—

2 “(AA) the Secretary de-
3 termines that the ballast
4 water treatment system re-
5 mains in compliance with
6 applicable standards as of
7 the date of application for
8 renewal; or

9 “(BB) the remaining
10 useful life of the vessel is
11 less than 10 years.

12 “(6) EXPERIMENTAL APPROVAL FOR BALLAST
13 WATER TREATMENT.—

14 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The owner or operator
15 of a vessel may submit to the Secretary an ap-
16 plication to test or evaluate a promising ballast
17 water treatment technology that—

18 “(i) has the potential to achieve the
19 standards required under paragraph (3);
20 and

21 “(ii) is likely to achieve a minimum
22 performance that is the same as or more
23 stringent than a standard required under
24 paragraph (3)(C)(ii), as applicable.

1 “(B) APPROVAL.—The Secretary shall ap-
2 prove an application under subparagraph (A)
3 if—

4 “(i) the Secretary and the Adminis-
5 trator determine that the treatment tech-
6 nologies have the potential to achieve the
7 standards required under paragraph (3);
8 and

9 “(ii) the Administrator determines,
10 based on independent and peer-reviewed
11 information provided to the Secretary by
12 the owner or operator of the vessel or
13 other applicable parties, that the treatment
14 technologies—

15 “(I) comply with environmental
16 requirements (including regulations);
17 and

18 “(II) have the potential to meet
19 environmental soundness criteria es-
20 tablished under paragraph (8)(A)(i).

21 “(C) WAIVER.—If the Secretary approves
22 an application under subparagraph (B), the
23 Secretary and the Administrator may waive the
24 requirements under subsection (a)(4)(A) with

1 respect to the vessel that is subject to the appli-
2 cation approved.

3 “(D) LIMITATIONS.—

4 “(i) PERIOD OF TESTING.—Testing of
5 the treatment system approved under this
6 section may cease prior to the termination
7 of the approval period described in clause
8 (ii).

9 “(ii) PERIOD OF APPROVAL.—Ap-
10 proval granted under subparagraph (B)
11 shall be for the least of—

12 “(I) the expected useful life of
13 the ballast water treatment system;

14 “(II) a period of 10 years; or

15 “(III) a period ending on the
16 date that the Secretary and Adminis-
17 trator (as appropriate) determines
18 that there exists a serious deficiency
19 in performance or human safety or
20 environmental soundness of the sys-
21 tem relative to anticipated perform-
22 ance or environmental soundness.

23 “(iii) INFORMATION.—As a condition
24 of receiving experimental approval for a
25 treatment under subparagraph (B), the

1 owner or operator of a vessel shall agree to
2 collect and report such information regard-
3 ing the operational and biological effective-
4 ness of the treatment through sampling of
5 the intake and discharge ballast as the
6 Secretary may request.

7 “(iv) RENEWAL.—An experimental
8 approval may be renewed in accordance
9 with paragraph (5)(F)(ii).

10 “(7) INCENTIVES FOR USE OF TREATMENT SYS-
11 TEMS.—

12 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, the
13 Secretary of Transportation, and the Adminis-
14 trator shall assist owners or operators of vessels
15 that seek to obtain experimental approval for
16 installation of ballast water treatment systems,
17 including through providing guidance on—

18 “(i) a sampling protocol and test pro-
19 gram for cost effective treatment evalua-
20 tion;

21 “(ii) sources of sampling equipment
22 and field biological expertise; and

23 “(iii) examples of shipboard evalua-
24 tion studies.

1 “(B) SELECTION OF TECHNOLOGIES AND
2 PRACTICES.—In selecting technologies and
3 practices for shipboard demonstration under
4 section 1104(b), the Secretary of the Interior
5 and the Secretary of Commerce shall give pri-
6 ority consideration to technologies and practices
7 that have received or are in the process of re-
8 ceiving certification under paragraph (5).

9 “(C) ANNUAL SUMMARIES.—The Secretary
10 shall annually summarize, and make available
11 to interested parties, all available information
12 on the performance of technologies proposed for
13 ballast treatment to facilitate the application
14 process for experimental approval for ballast
15 water treatment under paragraph (6).

16 “(8) ENVIRONMENTAL SOUNDNESS CRITERIA
17 FOR BALLAST TREATMENTS.—

18 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator
19 shall include in criteria promulgated under sec-
20 tion 1202(k)(1)(A) specific criteria—

21 “(i) to ensure environmental sound-
22 ness of ballast treatment systems; and

23 “(ii) to grant environmental sound-
24 ness exceptions under subparagraph (B).

25 “(B) EXCEPTIONS.—

1 “(i) IN GENERAL.—In reviewing appli-
2 cations under paragraph (5)(F)(ii)(I)(aa)
3 in an emergency situation to achieve reduc-
4 tions in significant and acute risk of trans-
5 fers of invasive species by vessels, the Sec-
6 retary and the Administrator may jointly
7 determine to make an exception to criteria
8 described in subparagraph (A)(i).

9 “(ii) QUALIFICATION OF APPROV-
10 ALS.—To be eligible for an exception under
11 clause (i), an approval under paragraph
12 (5)(F)(ii)(I)(aa) shall be qualified under
13 paragraph (5)(F)(ii)(II).

14 “(c) GREAT LAKES PROGRAM.—

15 “(1) REGULATIONS.—

16 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Until such time as
17 regulations are promulgated to implement the
18 amendments made by the Great Lakes Collabo-
19 ration Implementation Act, regulations promul-
20 gated to carry out this Act shall remain in ef-
21 fect until revised or replaced pursuant to the
22 Great Lakes Collaboration Implementation Act.

23 “(B) NO BALLAST ON BOARD.—Not later
24 than 180 days after the date of enactment of
25 the Great Lakes Collaboration Implementation

1 Act, the Secretary shall promulgate regulations
2 to minimize the discharge of invasive species
3 from ships that claim no ballast on board, or
4 that claim to be carrying only unpumpable
5 quantities of ballast, including, at a minimum,
6 a requirement that—

7 “(i) such a ship shall conduct salt-
8 water flushing of ballast water tanks—

9 “(I) outside the exclusive eco-
10 nomic zone; or

11 “(II) at a designated alternative
12 exchange site; and

13 “(ii) before being allowed entry be-
14 yond the St. Lawrence Seaway, the master
15 of such a ship shall certify that the ship
16 has complied with each applicable require-
17 ment under this subsection.

18 “(C) EARLY TECHNOLOGY.—

19 “(i) IN GENERAL.—Not later than
20 180 days after the date of enactment of
21 the Great Lakes Collaboration Implemen-
22 tation Act, the Secretary shall promulgate
23 regulations allowing ships entering the
24 Great Lakes to use a ballast water treat-
25 ment technology that is as effective as bal-

1 last water exchange, as determined by the
2 Secretary.

3 “(ii) REQUIREMENT.—The regulations
4 under clause (i) shall include a provision
5 that a ballast water treatment technology
6 used for purposes of complying with the
7 regulations shall be permitted for the
8 shorter of—

9 “(I) the 10-year period beginning
10 on the date of initial use of the tech-
11 nology; and

12 “(II) the life of the ship on which
13 the technology is used.

14 “(iii) TREATMENT EQUIVALENCY TO
15 BALLAST WATER EXCHANGE.—For pur-
16 poses of the regulations under clause (i),
17 the discharge standard of the International
18 Maritime Organization shall be considered
19 to be as effective as ballast water ex-
20 change.

21 “(2) RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER PROGRAMS.—
22 On implementation of a national mandatory ballast
23 management program that is at least as comprehen-
24 sive as the Great Lakes program (as determined by

1 the Secretary, in consultation with the Governors of
2 Great Lakes States)—

3 “(A) the program regulating vessels and
4 ballast water in Great Lakes under this section
5 shall terminate; and

6 “(B) the national program shall apply to
7 such vessels and ballast water.

8 “(3) REVIEW AND REVISION.—

9 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than the
10 date that is 18 months after the date of enact-
11 ment of the Great Lakes Collaboration Imple-
12 mentation Act, the Secretary shall—

13 “(i) review and revise regulations pro-
14 mulgated under this section to ensure the
15 regulations provide the maximum prac-
16 ticable protection of the Great Lakes eco-
17 system from introduction by vessels (in-
18 cluding vessels in the unballasted condi-
19 tion) of aquatic invasive species; and

20 “(ii) promulgate the revised regula-
21 tions.

22 “(B) CONTENTS.—The revised regulations
23 shall include, at a minimum, requirements
24 under subsections (a) and (b) (as amended by
25 that Act).

1 “(d) PERIODIC REVIEW AND REVISION OF REGULA-
2 TIONS.—

3 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 3 years
4 after the date of enactment of the Great Lakes Col-
5 laboration Implementation Act, and not less often
6 than every 3 years thereafter, the Secretary shall
7 (with the concurrence of the Administrator, based on
8 recommendations of the Task Force, and informa-
9 tion collected and analyzed under this title and in
10 accordance with criteria developed by the Task
11 Force under paragraph (3))—

12 “(A) assess the compliance by vessels with
13 regulations promulgated under this section;

14 “(B) assess the effectiveness of the regula-
15 tions referred to in subparagraph (A) in reduc-
16 ing the introduction and spread of aquatic
17 invasive species by vessels; and

18 “(C) as necessary, on the basis of the best
19 scientific information available—

20 “(i) revise the regulations referred to
21 in subparagraph (A); and

22 “(ii) promulgate additional regula-
23 tions.

24 “(2) SPECIAL REVIEW AND REVISION.—Not
25 later than 90 days after the date on which the Task

1 Force makes a request to the Secretary for a special
2 review and revision of the Program, the Secretary
3 shall (with the concurrence of the Administrator)—

4 “(A) conduct a special review of regula-
5 tions in accordance with paragraph (1); and

6 “(B) as necessary, in the same manner as
7 provided under paragraph (1)(C)—

8 “(i) revise those guidelines; or

9 “(ii) promulgate additional regula-
10 tions.

11 “(3) CRITERIA FOR EFFECTIVENESS.—Not
12 later than 1 year after the date of enactment of the
13 Great Lakes Collaboration Implementation Act, and
14 every 3 years thereafter, the Task Force shall sub-
15 mit to the Secretary criteria for determining the
16 adequacy and effectiveness of all regulations promul-
17 gated under this section.

18 “(e) SANCTIONS.—

19 “(1) CIVIL PENALTIES.—

20 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Any person that vio-
21 lates a regulation promulgated under this sec-
22 tion shall be liable for a civil penalty in an
23 amount not to exceed \$50,000.

1 “(B) SEPARATE VIOLATIONS.—Each day
2 of a continuing violation constitutes a separate
3 violation.

4 “(C) LIABILITY OF VESSELS.—A vessel op-
5 erated in violation of a regulation promulgated
6 under this Act shall be liable in rem for any
7 civil penalty assessed under this subsection for
8 that violation.

9 “(2) CRIMINAL PENALTIES.—Any person that
10 knowingly violates the regulations promulgated
11 under subsection (b) is guilty of a class C felony.

12 “(3) REVOCATION OF CLEARANCE.—On request
13 of the Secretary, the Secretary of the Treasury shall
14 withhold or revoke the clearance of a vessel required
15 by section 4197 of the Revised Statutes (46 U.S.C.
16 App. 91), if the owner or operator of that vessel is
17 in violation of the regulations promulgated under
18 subsection (b).

19 “(4) EXCEPTION TO SANCTIONS.—This sub-
20 section does not apply to a failure to exchange bal-
21 last water if—

22 “(A) the master of a vessel, acting in good
23 faith, decides that the exchange of ballast water
24 will threaten the safety or stability of the vessel
25 or the crew or passengers of the vessel; and

1 “(B) the vessel complies with—

2 “(i) recordkeeping requirements of
3 this Act;

4 “(ii) contingency requirements of sec-
5 tion 1211; and

6 “(iii) reporting requirements of this
7 Act.

8 “(f) COORDINATION WITH OTHER AGENCIES.—The
9 Secretary is encouraged to use (with consent) the exper-
10 tise, facilities, members, or personnel of, appropriate Fed-
11 eral and State agencies and organizations that have rou-
12 tine contact with vessels, as determined by the Secretary.

13 “(g) CONSULTATION WITH CANADA, MEXICO, AND
14 OTHER FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS.—In developing the
15 guidelines issued and regulations promulgated under this
16 section, the Secretary is encouraged to consult with the
17 Government of Canada, the Government of Mexico, and
18 any other government of a foreign country that the Sec-
19 retary, in consultation with the Task Force, determines
20 to be necessary to develop and implement an effective
21 international program for preventing the unintentional in-
22 troduction and spread of nonindigenous species.

23 “(h) SAFETY EXEMPTION.—

24 “(1) MASTER DISCRETION.—The Master of a
25 vessel is not required to conduct a ballast water ex-

1 change if the Master determines that the exchange
2 would threaten the safety or stability of the vessel,
3 or the crew or passengers of the vessel, because of
4 adverse weather, vessel architectural design, equip-
5 ment failure, or any other extraordinary conditions.

6 “(2) OTHER REQUIREMENTS.—A vessel that
7 does not exchange ballast water on the high seas
8 under paragraph (1) shall not discharge ballast
9 water in any harbor, except in accordance with a
10 contingency strategy approved by the Secretary (and
11 included in the invasive species management plan of
12 the vessel) to reduce the risk of organism transfer
13 by the discharge (using the best practicable tech-
14 nology and practices pursuant to regulations promul-
15 gated under subsection (b)(1)).

16 “(i) NON-DISCRIMINATION.—The Secretary shall en-
17 sure that vessels registered outside of the United States
18 do not receive more favorable treatment than vessels reg-
19 istered in the United States in any case in which the Sec-
20 retary performs studies, reviews compliance, determines
21 effectiveness, establishes requirements, or performs any
22 other responsibilities under this Act.

23 “(j) EFFECT ON OTHER LAW.—Nothing in this sec-
24 tion or any regulation promulgated under this section su-
25 persedes or otherwise affects any requirement or prohibi-

1 tion relating to the discharge of ballast water under the
2 Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1251 et
3 seq.).”.

4 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

5 (1) Section 1102(c)(1) of the Nonindigenous
6 Aquatic Nuisance Prevention and Control Act of
7 1990 (16 U.S.C. 4712(c)(1)) is amended by striking
8 “issued under section 1101(b)” and inserting “pro-
9 mulgated under section 1101(e)”.

10 (2) Section 1102(f)(1)(B) of the Nonindigenous
11 Aquatic Nuisance Prevention and Control Act of
12 1990 (16 U.S.C. 4712(f)(1)(B)) is amended by
13 striking “guidelines issued pursuant to section
14 1101(e)” and inserting “regulations promulgated
15 under section 1101(e)”.

16 **SEC. 102. ARMED SERVICES WHOLE VESSEL MANAGEMENT**
17 **PROGRAM.**

18 Section 1103 of the Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance
19 Prevention and Control Act of 1990 (16 U.S.C. 4713) is
20 amended—

21 (1) by striking the section heading and insert-
22 ing the following:

23 **“SEC. 1103. ARMED SERVICES WHOLE VESSEL MANAGE-**
24 **MENT PROGRAM.”;**

25 and

1 (2) in subsection (a)—

2 (A) by striking “Subject to” and inserting
3 the following:

4 “(1) BALLAST WATER.—Subject to”; and

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

6 “(2) TOWED VESSEL MANAGEMENT PRO-
7 GRAM.—

8 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to operational
9 conditions, the Secretary of Defense, in con-
10 sultation with the Secretary and the Task
11 Force, shall implement a towed vessel manage-
12 ment program for Department of Defense ves-
13 sels to minimize the risk of introductions of
14 aquatic invasive species through hull and asso-
15 ciated hull aperture transfers by towed vessels.

16 “(B) CURRENT BALLAST PROGRAM.—Ex-
17 cept as provided in subparagraph (A), this Act
18 does not affect the ballast program for Depart-
19 ment of Defense vessels in effect on the date of
20 enactment of the Great Lakes Collaboration
21 Implementation Act.

22 “(3) REPORTS.—Not later than 3 years after
23 the date of enactment of the Great Lakes Collabora-
24 tion Implementation Act, and every 3 years there-
25 after, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to Con-

1 gress a report that includes a summary and analysis
2 of the program carried out under this section.”.

3 **CHAPTER 2—PREVENTION OF THE INTRO-**
4 **DUCTION OF AQUATIC INVASIVE SPE-**
5 **CIES BY OTHER PATHWAYS**

6 **SEC. 106. PRIORITY PATHWAY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM.**

7 Subtitle C of title I of the Nonindigenous Aquatic
8 Nuisance Prevention and Control Act of 1990 (16 U.S.C.
9 4721 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
10 lowing:

11 **“SEC. 1210. PRIORITY PATHWAY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM.**

12 “(a) IDENTIFICATION OF HIGH PRIORITY PATH-
13 WAYS.—Not later than 2 years after the date of enactment
14 of the Great Lakes Collaboration Implementation Act, and
15 every 3 years thereafter, the Task Force, in coordination
16 with the Invasive Species Council and in consultation with
17 representatives of States, industry, and other interested
18 parties, shall, based on pathway surveys and other avail-
19 able research relating to the rates of introductions in wa-
20 ters of the United States—

21 “(1) identify those pathways that pose the high-
22 est risk for introductions of invasive species, both
23 nationally and on a region-by-region basis unless
24 further managed;

1 “(2) develop recommendations for management
2 strategies for those high-risk pathways;

3 “(3) include in the report to the Congress re-
4 quired under section 1201(f)(2)(B) a description of
5 the identifications, strategies, and recommendations;
6 and

7 “(4) identify aquatic invasive species not yet in-
8 troduced into waters of the United States that are
9 likely to be introduced into waters of the United
10 States unless preventative measures are taken.

11 “(b) MANAGEMENT OF HIGH PRIORITY PATH-
12 WAYS.—Not later than 3 years after the date of enactment
13 of the Great Lakes Collaboration Implementation Act, the
14 Task Force or agencies of jurisdiction shall, to the max-
15 imum extent practicable, implement the strategies de-
16 scribed in subsection (a)(2).”.

17 **SEC. 107. SCREENING PROCESS FOR PLANNED IMPORTA-**
18 **TIONS OF LIVE AQUATIC ORGANISMS.**

19 Subtitle B of title I of the Nonindigenous Aquatic
20 Nuisance Prevention and Control Act of 1990 (16 U.S.C.
21 4711 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
22 lowing:

1 **“SEC. 1105. SCREENING PROCESS FOR PLANNED IMPORTA-**
2 **TIONS OF LIVE AQUATIC ORGANISMS.**

3 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 3 years after the
4 date of enactment of the Great Lakes Collaboration Imple-
5 mentation Act, no live aquatic organism of a species not
6 in trade shall be imported into the United States without
7 screening and approval in accordance with subsections (c)
8 and (d).

9 “(b) GUIDELINES.—

10 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 30 months
11 after the date of enactment of the Great Lakes Col-
12 laboration Implementation Act, in consultation with
13 regional panels convened under section 1203, States,
14 tribes, and other stakeholders, the Invasive Species
15 Council (in conjunction with the Task Force) shall
16 issue guidelines for screening proposed planned im-
17 portations of live aquatic organisms into the United
18 States, that include—

19 “(A) guidelines for minimum information
20 requirements for determinations under sub-
21 section (c); and

22 “(B) guidelines for a simplified notification
23 procedure for any additional shipments of orga-
24 nisms that may occur after completion of an
25 initial screening process and determination
26 under subsection (c).

1 “(2) PURPOSE.—The purpose of the screening
2 process shall be to prevent the introduction or estab-
3 lishment of aquatic invasive species in waters of the
4 United States and contiguous waters of Canada and
5 Mexico.

6 “(3) FACTORS.—In developing guidelines under
7 this subsection and reviewing and revising the guide-
8 lines under subsection (j), the Invasive Species
9 Council and the Task Force shall consider—

10 “(A) the likelihood of the spread of species
11 by human or natural means;

12 “(B) species that may occur in association
13 with the species planned for importation, in-
14 cluding pathogens, parasites, and free-living or-
15 ganisms; and

16 “(C) regional differences in probability of
17 invasion and associated impacts.

18 “(c) CATEGORIES.—The screening process conducted
19 pursuant to subsection (d) shall require the identification,
20 to the maximum extent practicable, to the species level or,
21 at least, to the genus level, of live aquatic organisms pro-
22 posed for importation and shall list—

23 “(1) species with high or moderate probability
24 of undesirable impacts to areas within the bound-
25 aries of the United States and contiguous areas of

1 neighboring countries, to which the species is likely
2 to spread; and

3 “(2) species on which there is insufficient infor-
4 mation to determine the risk category based on
5 guidelines issued pursuant to subsection (b)(1)(B).

6 “(d) EVALUATION.—

7 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days
8 after the date of promulgation of guidelines under
9 subsection (b), in consultation with regional panels
10 convened under section 1203, States, tribes, and
11 other stakeholders, a Federal agency with authority
12 over an importation into the United States of a live
13 organism of a species not in trade shall screen the
14 species in accordance with guidelines promulgated
15 under subsection (b).

16 “(2) DELEGATION AND AUTHORITY.—If no
17 agency has authority described in paragraph (1) or
18 an agency delegates the screening to the Director
19 under subsection (h)—

20 “(A) the Director shall screen the orga-
21 nisms in accordance with subsections (a) and
22 (b); and

23 “(B) the Director may prohibit the impor-
24 tation of an organism of a species not in trade
25 if the Director determines, based on evaluations

1 consistent with the screening requirements pro-
2 mulgated under subsection (f), that the species
3 has a high or moderate probability of undesir-
4 able impacts on areas within the boundaries of
5 the United States and contiguous areas of
6 neighboring countries to which the species may
7 spread.

8 “(3) MULTIPLE JURISDICTION.—If more than 1
9 agency has jurisdiction over the importation of a live
10 organism, the agencies shall conduct only 1 screen-
11 ing process as determined by a memorandum of un-
12 derstanding consistent with subsection (f), except
13 that the Secretary of Agriculture, shall conduct
14 screening of organisms imported to be cultured.

15 “(e) REQUIREMENTS.—A Federal agency of jurisdic-
16 tion, or the Director, shall—

17 “(1) restrict or prohibit the importation into
18 the United States from outside the United States of
19 any species that is described in subsection (c)(1);

20 “(2) prohibit the importation of any species de-
21 scribed in subsection (c)(2), unless the importation
22 is for the sole purpose of research that is conducted
23 in accordance with section 1202(f)(2); and

1 “(3) make a determination under this sub-
2 section not later than 60 days after receiving a re-
3 quest for permission to import a live aquatic species.

4 “(f) MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING.—

5 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Director of the United
6 States Fish and Wildlife Service shall enter into a
7 memorandum of understanding with the heads of
8 the agencies of jurisdiction regarding the screening
9 requirements contained in this section.

10 “(2) CONTENTS.—The memorandum of under-
11 standing shall contain, at a minimum—

12 “(A) a description of the relationship be-
13 tween and responsibilities of the agencies of ju-
14 risdiction, including a process designating a
15 lead agency in cases in which multiple agencies
16 may have jurisdiction over the screening of an
17 aquatic species;

18 “(B) the process by which the Director will
19 delegate screening duties to and receive delega-
20 tion from other agencies of jurisdiction; and

21 “(C) the process by which agencies of ju-
22 risdiction will coordinate and share information
23 required for the screening process.

24 “(g) DELEGATION TO DIRECTOR.—Any agency with
25 authority over the planned importation of a live aquatic

1 organism may delegate to the Director the screening pro-
2 cess carried out under this section.

3 “(h) CATALOG OF SPECIES IN TRADE.—Not later
4 than 1 year after the date of enactment of the Great
5 Lakes Collaboration Implementation Act, the Director of
6 the United States Geological Survey and the Director of
7 the Smithsonian Environmental Research Center, in co-
8 operation with agencies with jurisdiction over planned im-
9 portations of live organisms, shall—

10 “(1) develop and update as necessary a catalog
11 of species in trade; and

12 “(2) include the list in the information provided
13 to the public pursuant to section 1102(f).

14 “(i) REVIEW AND REVISION.—

15 “(1) IN GENERAL.—At least once every 3 years,
16 the Council, in conjunction with the Task Force,
17 shall use research on early detection and monitoring
18 under section 1106, among other information
19 sources, to review and revise the screening, guide-
20 lines, and process carried out under this section.

21 “(2) REPORT.—The Invasive Species Council
22 shall include in its report to Congress required pur-
23 suant to section 1201(f)(2)(B)—

1 “(A) an evaluation of the effectiveness of
2 the screening processes carried out under this
3 section;

4 “(B) an evaluation of the consistency of
5 the application of the screening by agencies;
6 and

7 “(C) recommendations for revisions of the
8 processes.

9 “(j) PROHIBITIONS.—It shall be unlawful for any
10 person subject to the jurisdiction of the United States to
11 import an organism of a species described under sub-
12 section (c) or (d) or in violation of regulations promul-
13 gated under this section.

14 “(k) PENALTIES.—

15 “(1) CIVIL PENALTIES.—Any person who vio-
16 lates subsection (j) shall be liable for a civil penalty
17 in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.

18 “(2) CRIMINAL PENALTIES.—Any person who
19 knowingly violates subsection (j) is guilty of a class
20 C felony.

21 “(l) FEES.—The head of any agency that has juris-
22 diction over a planned importation of a species subject to
23 screening under this Act may increase the amount of any
24 appropriate fee that is charged under an authority of law

1 to offset the cost of any screening process carried out
2 under this section.

3 “(m) INFORMATION.—A Federal agency conducting
4 a screening process under this section shall make the re-
5 sults of the process available to the public (including inter-
6 national organizations).

7 “(n) REGULATIONS.—The Director may issue regula-
8 tions to implement this section.

9 “(o) APPLICABILITY: EFFECT ON OTHER LAWS.—
10 Nothing in this section shall be construed as repealing,
11 superseding, or modifying any provision of Federal or
12 state law.”.

13 **CHAPTER 3—EARLY DETECTION; RAPID** 14 **RESPONSE; CONTROL AND OUTREACH**

15 **SEC. 111. EARLY DETECTION.**

16 Subtitle B of title I of the Nonindigenous Aquatic
17 Nuisance Prevention and Control Act of 1990 (16 U.S.C.
18 4711 et seq.) (as amended by section 107) is amended
19 by adding at the end the following:

20 **“SEC. 1106. EARLY DETECTION AND MONITORING.**

21 “(a) EARLY DETECTION.—

22 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 18 months
23 after the date of enactment of the Great Lakes Col-
24 laboration Implementation Act, in conjunction with
25 the Council, the Task Force shall develop and pro-

1 mulgate a set of sampling protocols, a geographic
2 plan, and budget to support a national system of ec-
3 ological surveys to rapidly detect recently established
4 aquatic invasive species in waters of the United
5 States.

6 “(2) CONTENTS.—The protocols, plan, and
7 budget shall, at a minimum—

8 “(A) address a diversity of aquatic eco-
9 systems of the United States (including inland
10 and coastal waters);

11 “(B) encourage State, local, port, and trib-
12 al participation in monitoring;

13 “(C) balance scientific rigor with practica-
14 bility, timeliness, and breadth of sampling activ-
15 ity;

16 “(D) consider the pathways and/or orga-
17 nisms identified under section 1210;

18 “(E) include a capacity to evaluate the im-
19 pacts of permitted importations screened by the
20 processes established under section 1105; and

21 “(F) include clear lines of communication
22 with appropriate Federal, State, and regional
23 rapid response authorities.

24 “(3) IMPLEMENTATION.—Not later than 3
25 years after the date of enactment of the Great Lakes

1 Collaboration Implementation Act, the Director of
2 the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, the Ad-
3 ministrator of the National Oceanic and Atmos-
4 pheric Administration, and the Administrator (in
5 consultation with the Invasive Species Council and
6 in coordination with other agencies) shall implement
7 a national system of ecological surveys that is—

8 “(A) carried out in cooperation with State,
9 local, port, tribal authorities, and other non-
10 Federal entities (such as colleges and univer-
11 sities); and

12 “(B) based on the protocols, plan, and
13 budget published under subsection (a)(1) and
14 any public comment.”.

15 **SEC. 112. RAPID RESPONSE.**

16 Subtitle C of title I of the Nonindigenous Aquatic
17 Nuisance Prevention and Control Act of 1990 (16 U.S.C.
18 4721 et seq.) is further amended by adding at the end
19 the following:

20 **“SEC. 1211. RAPID RESPONSE.**

21 “(a) STATE RAPID RESPONSE CONTINGENCY STRAT-
22 EGIES.—

23 “(1) EMERGENCY FUNDS FOR RAPID RE-
24 SPONSE.—A State that has in effect a rapid re-
25 sponse contingency strategy for invasive species in

1 the State, including rapid assessment capabilities,
2 that is approved under paragraph (2) shall be eligi-
3 ble to receive emergency funding to remain available
4 until expended to implement rapid response meas-
5 ures for aquatic invasive species under the strategy,
6 subject to renewal, as determined by the Secretary
7 of the Interior and the Secretary in accordance with
8 paragraph (2).

9 “(2) APPROVAL OF RAPID RESPONSE CONTIN-
10 GENCY STRATEGIES.—The Task Force, in consulta-
11 tion with the Invasive Species Council, shall approve
12 a State rapid response contingency strategy de-
13 scribed in paragraph (1) if the strategy—

14 “(A) identifies all key governmental and
15 nongovernmental partners to be involved in car-
16 rying out the strategy;

17 “(B) clearly designates the authorities and
18 responsibilities of each partner, including the
19 authority of any State or government of an In-
20 dian tribe to distribute emergency funds;

21 “(C) specifies criteria for rapid response
22 measures, including a diagnostic system that—

23 “(i) distinguishes cases in which rapid
24 response has a likelihood of success and

1 cases in which rapid response has no likeli-
2 hood of success;

3 “(ii) distinguishes rapid response
4 measures from ongoing management and
5 control of established populations of aquat-
6 ic invasive species; and

7 “(iii) distinguishes instances in which
8 the rate and probability of organism dis-
9 persal is significantly altered by vessel
10 movements;

11 “(D) includes an early detection strategy
12 that supports or complements the early detec-
13 tion and monitoring system developed under
14 section 1106;

15 “(E) provides for a monitoring capability
16 to assess—

17 “(i) the extent of infestations; and

18 “(ii) the effectiveness of rapid re-
19 sponse efforts;

20 “(F) to the maximum extent practicable, is
21 integrated into the State aquatic invasive spe-
22 cies management plan approved under section
23 1204;

24 “(G) to the maximum extent possible, does
25 not use rapid response tools that do not meet

1 environmental criteria developed under sub-
2 section (e)(4);

3 “(H) includes a public education and out-
4 reach component directed at—

5 “(i) potential pathways for spread of
6 aquatic invasive species; and

7 “(ii) persons involved in industries
8 and recreational activities associated with
9 those pathways; and

10 “(I) to the extent that the strategy involves
11 vessels, conforms with guidelines issued by the
12 Secretary under subsection (c)(2).

13 “(b) REGIONAL RAPID RESPONSE CONTINGENCY
14 STRATEGIES.—The Task Force, with the concurrence of
15 the Invasive Species Council and in consultation with the
16 regional panels of the Task Force established under sec-
17 tion 1203, shall encourage the development of regional
18 rapid response contingency strategies that—

19 “(1) provide a consistent and coordinated ap-
20 proach to rapid response; and

21 “(2) are approved by—

22 “(A) the Secretary; and

23 “(B) the Governors and Indian tribes hav-
24 ing jurisdiction over areas within a region.

1 “(c) MODEL RAPID RESPONSE CONTINGENCY
2 STRATEGIES.—Not later than 18 months after the date
3 of enactment of the Great Lakes Collaboration Implemen-
4 tation Act—

5 “(1) the Task Force, with the concurrence of
6 the Invasive Species Council and the regional panels
7 of the Task Force established under section 1203,
8 shall develop—

9 “(A) a model State rapid response contin-
10 gency strategy for aquatic invasive species, in-
11 cluding rapid assessment capability, that in-
12 cludes, to the maximum extent practicable, the
13 components listed under subparagraphs (A)
14 through (H) of subsection (a)(2); and

15 “(B) a model regional rapid response con-
16 tingency strategy for aquatic invasive species;
17 and

18 “(2) the Secretary, in concurrence with the
19 Task Force and the regional panels, shall issue
20 guidelines that describe vessel-related requirements
21 that may be used in a rapid response contingency
22 strategy, including specific requirements for strategy
23 approved under this section.

24 “(d) COST SHARING.—

1 “(1) STATE RAPID RESPONSE CONTINGENCY
2 STRATEGIES.—The Federal share of the cost of ac-
3 tivities carried out under a State rapid response con-
4 tingency strategy approved under subsection (a)
5 shall be not less than 50 percent.

6 “(2) REGIONAL RAPID RESPONSE CONTINGENCY
7 STRATEGIES.—The Federal share of the cost of ac-
8 tivities carried out under a regional rapid response
9 contingency strategy approved under subsection (b)
10 shall be not less than 75 percent.

11 “(3) IN-KIND CONTRIBUTIONS.—States or re-
12 gions that receive Federal funds for rapid response
13 activities may provide matching funds in the form of
14 in-kind contributions.

15 “(e) FEDERAL RAPID RESPONSE TEAMS.—

16 “(1) ESTABLISHMENT OF TEAMS.—Not later
17 than 1 year after the date of enactment of the Great
18 Lakes Collaboration Implementation Act, the
19 Invasive Species Council, in coordination with the
20 Task Force and the heads of appropriate Federal
21 agencies, shall establish a Federal rapid response
22 team for each of the 10 Federal regions that com-
23 prise the Standard Federal Regional Boundary Sys-
24 tem.

1 “(2) DUTIES OF TEAMS.—Each Federal rapid
2 response team shall, at a minimum—

3 “(A) implement rapid eradication or con-
4 trol responses for newly detected aquatic
5 invasive species on Federal and tribal land;

6 “(B) carry out, or assist in carrying out,
7 rapid responses for newly detected aquatic
8 invasive species on non-Federal land at the re-
9 quest of a State, Indian tribe, or group of
10 States or Indian tribes;

11 “(C) provide training and expertise for
12 State, tribal, or regional rapid responders;

13 “(D) provide central sources of informa-
14 tion for rapid responders;

15 “(E) maintain a list of researchers and
16 rapid response volunteers; and

17 “(F) in carrying out any rapid response
18 activity with respect to an aquatic noxious weed
19 listed under section 412(f) of the Plant Protec-
20 tion Act (7 U.S.C. 7712(f)), include representa-
21 tives of the Animal and Plant Health Inspection
22 Service.

23 “(3) CRITERIA FOR IDENTIFYING CASES OF
24 RAPID RESPONSE WARRANTING FEDERAL ASSIST-
25 ANCE.—Not later than 1 year after the date of en-

1 actment of the Great Lakes Collaboration Implemen-
2 tation Act, the Task Force, with the concurrence of
3 the Invasive Species Council, shall develop criteria to
4 identify cases of rapid response warranting Federal
5 assistance under this subsection, including criteria
6 relating to, at a minimum—

7 “(A) the extent to which infestations of
8 aquatic invasive species may be managed suc-
9 cessfully by rapid response;

10 “(B) the extent to which rapid response ef-
11 forts may differ from ongoing management and
12 control; and

13 “(C) the extent to which infestations of
14 nonindigenous aquatic invasive species are con-
15 sidered to be an acute or chronic threat to—

16 “(i) biodiversity of native fish and
17 wildlife;

18 “(ii) habitats of native fish and wild-
19 life; or

20 “(iii) human health.

21 “(4) ENVIRONMENTAL CRITERIA.—Not later
22 than 1 year after the date of enactment of the Great
23 Lakes Collaboration Implementation Act, the Ad-
24 ministrator, in consultation with the Invasive Spe-
25 cies Council, the Secretary of Transportation, the

1 Task Force (including regional panels of the Task
2 Force established under section 1203), the Director,
3 and the Director of the National Marine Fisheries
4 Service, shall develop environmental criteria to mini-
5 mize nontarget environmental impacts of rapid re-
6 sponses carried out pursuant to this section.”.

7 **SEC. 113. CONSOLIDATION OF BARRIER PROJECTS.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Chicago Sanitary and Ship
9 Canal Dispersal Barrier Project (referred to in this section
10 as “Barrier I”) (as in existence on the date of enactment
11 of this Act), constructed as a demonstration project under
12 section 1202(i)(3) of the Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance
13 Prevention and Control Act of 1990 (16 U.S.C.
14 4722(i)(3)), and the project relating to the Chicago Sani-
15 tary and Ship Canal Dispersal Barrier, authorized by sec-
16 tion 345 of the District of Columbia Appropriations Act,
17 2005 (Public Law 108–335; 118 Stat. 1352) (referred to
18 in this section as “Barrier II”), shall be considered to con-
19 stitute a single project.

20 (b) ACTIVITIES RELATING TO BARRIER I AND BAR-
21 RIER II.—

22 (1) DUTIES OF SECRETARY OF THE ARMY.—
23 The Secretary of the Army, at Federal expense,
24 shall—

1 (A) upgrade and make permanent Barrier
2 I;

3 (B) construct Barrier II, notwithstanding
4 the project cooperation agreement with the
5 State of Illinois dated June 14, 2005;

6 (C) operate and maintain Barrier I and
7 Barrier II as a system to optimize effectiveness;

8 (D) conduct, in consultation with appro-
9 priate Federal, State, local, and nongovern-
10 mental entities, a study of a range of options
11 and technologies for reducing impacts of haz-
12 ards that may reduce the efficacy of the Bar-
13 riers; and

14 (E) provide to each State a credit in an
15 amount equal to the amount of funds contrib-
16 uted by the State toward Barrier II.

17 (2) APPLICATION OF CREDIT.—A State may
18 apply a credit received under paragraph (1)(E) to
19 any cost-sharing responsibility for an existing or fu-
20 ture Federal project with the Corps of Engineers in
21 the State.

22 (c) FEASIBILITY STUDY.—The Secretary, in con-
23 sultation with appropriate Federal, State, local, and non-
24 governmental entities, shall conduct, at Federal expense,
25 a feasibility study of the range of options and technologies

1 available to prevent the spread of aquatic nuisance species
2 between the Great Lakes and Mississippi River basins
3 through the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal and other
4 aquatic pathways.

5 (d) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 345 of the
6 District of Columbia Appropriations Act, 2005 (Public
7 Law 108–335; 118 Stat. 1352) is amended to read as fol-
8 lows:

9 “SEC. 345. There are authorized to be appropriated
10 such sums as may be necessary to carry out the Barrier
11 II project of the project for the Chicago Sanitary and Ship
12 Canal Dispersal Barrier, Illinois, initiated pursuant to sec-
13 tion 1135 of the Water Resources Development Act of
14 1986 (33 U.S.C. 2309a).”.

15 **SEC. 114. ENVIRONMENTAL SOUNDNESS.**

16 Section 1202 of title I of the Nonindigenous Aquatic
17 Nuisance Prevention and Control Act of 1990 (16 U.S.C.
18 4722) is further amended by inserting after subsection (j)
19 the following:

20 “(k) IMPROVEMENT OF TREATMENT METHODS FOR
21 AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES.—

22 “(1) CRITERIA TO EVALUATE ENVIRONMENTAL
23 SOUNDNESS OF TREATMENT METHODS.—

24 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year
25 after the date of enactment of the Great Lakes

1 Collaboration Implementation Act, the Adminis-
2 trator, in consultation and cooperation with the
3 Secretary, the Invasive Species Council, and the
4 Task Force (including any regional panels of
5 the Task Force) shall promulgate criteria to
6 evaluate the treatment methods described in
7 subparagraph (B) for the purpose of ensuring
8 that the treatment methods pose no significant
9 threat of adverse effect on human health, public
10 safety, or the environment (including air quality
11 and the aquatic environment) that is acute,
12 chronic, cumulative, or collective.

13 “(B) TREATMENT METHODS.—The treat-
14 ment methods referred to in subparagraph (A)
15 are all mechanical, physical, chemical, biologi-
16 cal, and other treatment methods used in bodies
17 of water of the United States (regardless of
18 whether the bodies of water are navigable and
19 regardless of the origin of the waters), to pre-
20 vent, treat, or respond to the introduction of
21 aquatic invasive species.

22 “(C) CONSULTATION.—In carrying out
23 subparagraph (A), the Administrator shall con-
24 sult with—

25 “(i) the Secretary of Transportation;

1 “(ii) the Task Force (including the re-
2 gional panels of the Task Force established
3 under section 1203);

4 “(iii) the Director;

5 “(iv) the Assistant Secretary;

6 “(v) the Director of the National Ma-
7 rine Fisheries Service; and

8 “(vi) relevant State agencies.

9 “(2) PUBLICATION OF INFORMATION ON ENVI-
10 RONMENTALLY SOUND TREATMENT METHODS.—The
11 Administrator, in consultation with the Invasive Spe-
12 cies Council, shall publish (not later than 1 year
13 after the date of enactment of the Great Lakes Col-
14 laboration Implementation Act) and update annu-
15 ally—

16 “(A) a list of environmentally sound treat-
17 ment methods that may apply to a potential
18 aquatic invasive species response effort;

19 “(B) accompanying research that supports
20 the environmental soundness of each approved
21 treatment method; and

22 “(C) explicit guidelines under which each
23 treatment method can be used in an environ-
24 mentally sound manner.

1 “(3) REPORTS.—The Invasive Species Council
2 and Task Force shall include the information de-
3 scribed in paragraph (2) in the reports submitted
4 under section 1201(f)(2)(B).”.

5 **SEC. 115. INFORMATION, EDUCATION, AND OUTREACH.**

6 Section 1202(h) of the Nonindigenous Aquatic Nui-
7 sance Prevention and Control Act of 1990 (16 U.S.C.
8 4722(h)) is amended—

9 (1) by striking “(h) Education.—The Task
10 Force” and inserting the following:

11 “(h) INFORMATION, EDUCATION, AND OUTREACH.—

12 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Task Force”; and

13 (2) by adding at the end the following:

14 “(2) ACTIVITIES.—

15 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The programs carried
16 out under paragraph (1) shall include the ac-
17 tivities described in this paragraph.

18 “(B) PUBLIC OUTREACH.—

19 “(i) PUBLIC WARNINGS.—Not later
20 than 180 days after the date of enactment
21 of the Great Lakes Collaboration Imple-
22 mentation Act, each Federal officer of an
23 agency that provides Federal funds to
24 States for building or maintaining public
25 access points to United States water bodies

1 shall amend the guidelines of the agency,
2 in consultation with relevant State agen-
3 cies, to encourage the posting of regionally
4 specific public warnings or other suitable
5 informational and educational materials at
6 the access points regarding—

7 “(I) the danger of spread of
8 aquatic invasive species through the
9 transport of recreational watercraft;
10 and

11 “(II) methods for removing orga-
12 nisms prior to transporting a
13 watercraft.

14 “(ii) CLEANING OF WATERCRAFT AT
15 MARINAS.—Not later than 1 year after the
16 date of enactment of the Great Lakes Col-
17 laboration Implementation Act, the Under
18 Secretary and the Director (in cooperation
19 with the Task Force and in consultation
20 with the States, relevant industry groups,
21 and Indian tribes) shall develop an edu-
22 cation, outreach, and training program di-
23 rected toward marinas and marina opera-
24 tors regarding—

1 “(I) checking watercraft for live
2 organisms;

3 “(II) removing live organisms
4 from the watercraft before the
5 watercraft are commercially or
6 recreationally trailered;

7 “(III) encouraging regular hull
8 cleaning and maintenance, avoiding
9 in-water hull cleaning; and

10 “(IV) other activities, as identi-
11 fied by the Secretary.

12 “(iii) PROPER DISPOSAL OF NON-
13 INDIGENOUS LIVE AQUATIC ORGANISMS IN
14 TRADE.—The Task Force shall—

15 “(I) not later than 1 year after
16 the date of enactment of the Great
17 Lakes Collaboration Implementation
18 Act, develop (in consultation with in-
19 dustry and other affected parties)
20 issue guidelines for proper disposal of
21 live nonindigenous aquatic organisms
22 in trade; and

23 “(II) use the guidelines in appro-
24 priate public information and out-
25 reach efforts.

1 “(C) 100TH MERIDIAN PROGRAM.—

2 “(i) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1
3 year after the date of enactment of the
4 Great Lakes Collaboration Implementation
5 Act, the Task Force shall expand the infor-
6 mation and education program directed at
7 recreational boaters in States from which
8 watercraft are transported westward across
9 the 100th meridian.

10 “(ii) ACTIVITIES.—In carrying out the
11 program, the task force shall—

12 “(I) survey owners of watercraft
13 transported westward across the
14 100th meridian to determine the
15 States of origin of most such owners;

16 “(II) provide information directly
17 to watercraft owners concerning the
18 importance of cleaning watercraft car-
19 rying live organisms before trans-
20 porting the watercraft; and

21 “(III) support education and in-
22 formation programs of the States of
23 origin to ensure that the State pro-
24 grams address westward spread.

1 “(D) INFORMATION AND EDUCATION PRO-
2 GRAM BY NATIONAL PARK SERVICE.—The Sec-
3 retary of the Interior, acting through the Direc-
4 tor of the National Park Service, shall develop
5 a program to provide public outreach and other
6 educational activities to prevent the spread of
7 aquatic invasive species by recreational
8 watercraft in parkland or through events spon-
9 sored by the National Park Service.

10 “(3) OUTREACH TO INDUSTRY.—The Task
11 Force, in conjunction with the Invasive Species
12 Council, shall carry out activities to inform and pro-
13 mote voluntary cooperation and regulatory compli-
14 ance by members of the national and international
15 maritime, horticultural, aquarium, aquaculture, and
16 pet trade industries with screening, monitoring, and
17 control of the transportation of aquatic invasive spe-
18 cies.

19 “(4) PUBLIC ACCESS TO MONITORING INFORMA-
20 TION.—The Task Force, the Invasive Species Coun-
21 cil, and other relevant agencies, shall maintain infor-
22 mation on the Internet regarding—

23 “(A) the best approaches for the public
24 and private interests to use in assisting with
25 national early detection and monitoring of

1 aquatic invasive species in waters of the United
2 States;

3 “(B) contact locations for joining a na-
4 tional network of monitoring stations;

5 “(C) approved State Management Plans
6 under section 1204(a) and Rapid Response
7 Contingency Strategies under sections
8 1211(a)(2) and 1211(c); and

9 “(D) the list of potential invaders under
10 section 1201(a)(4).”.

11 **CHAPTER 4—COORDINATION**

12 **SEC. 116. PROGRAM COORDINATION.**

13 (a) MEMBERSHIP OF TASK FORCE.—Section 1201(b)
14 of the Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance Prevention and
15 Control Act of 1990 (16 U.S.C. 4721) is amended—

16 (1) in paragraph (6) by striking “and” at the
17 end;

18 (2) by redesignating paragraph (7) as para-
19 graph (12); and

20 (3) by inserting after paragraph (6) the fol-
21 lowing:

22 “(7) the Director of the United States Geologi-
23 cal Survey;

24 “(8) the Director of the Smithsonian Environ-
25 mental Research Center;

1 “(9) the Secretary of State;
2 “(10) the Secretary of Transportation;
3 “(11) the Secretary of Homeland Security;
4 and”.

5 (b) COORDINATION WITH INVASIVE SPECIES COUN-
6 CIL.—Section 1201(f) of the Nonindigenous Aquatic Nui-
7 sance Prevention and Control Act of 1990 (16 U.S.C.
8 4721(f)) is amended—

9 (1) by striking “Each Task Force member” and
10 inserting the following:

11 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Each member of the Task
12 Force”; and

13 (2) by adding at the end the following:

14 “(2) INVASIVE SPECIES COUNCIL.—The
15 Invasive Species Council shall—

16 “(A) coordinate and cooperate with the
17 Task Force in carrying out the duties of the
18 Invasive Species Council relating to aquatic
19 invasive species;

20 “(B) not later than 2 years after the date
21 of enactment of the Great Lakes Collaboration
22 Implementation Act, and every 3 years there-
23 after, submit to Congress a report that summa-
24 rizes the status of the conduct of activities au-
25 thorized by and required under this Act; and

1 “(C) establish any regional panels or task
2 forces in coordination with the regional panels
3 of the Task Force convened under section
4 1203.”.

5 (c) COORDINATION WITH OTHER PROGRAMS.—Sec-
6 tion 1202(c) of the Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance Pre-
7 vention and Control Act of 1990 (16 U.S.C. 4722(c)) is
8 amended by adding at the end the following:

9 “(3) RECOMMENDATIONS FOR LISTS.—

10 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Task Force shall
11 annually recommend to Federal agencies of ju-
12 risdiction such additions of aquatic invasive
13 species as the Task Force determines to be ap-
14 propriate for inclusion on—

15 “(i) any list of species of wildlife
16 under the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981
17 (16 U.S.C. 3371 et seq.) (including regula-
18 tions under such Act); or

19 “(ii) any list of noxious weeds under
20 the Plant Protection Act (7 U.S.C. 7701 et
21 seq.) (including regulations promulgated
22 under that Act contained in part 360 of
23 title 7, Code of Federal Regulations (or
24 any successor regulations)).

1 “(B) PROCESS.—The Task Force may use
2 the screening process developed pursuant to
3 section 1105 to identify species pursuant to
4 subparagraph (A).”.

5 (d) REGIONAL COORDINATION.—Section 1203 of the
6 Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance Prevention and Control
7 Act of 1990 (16 U.S.C. 4723) is amended by adding at
8 the end the following:

9 “(d) ANNUAL INTERREGIONAL MEETING.—The Task
10 Force shall annually convene all regional panels estab-
11 lished pursuant to this Act for the purpose of information
12 transfer between and among panels, and between the pan-
13 els and the Task Force, regarding aquatic invasive species
14 management.

15 “(e) ORGANIZATIONS.—An interstate organization
16 that has a Federal charter authorized by law, interstate
17 agreement, or Executive order for purposes of fisheries or
18 natural resource management may receive funds under
19 this Act to implement activities authorized under this
20 Act.”.

21 (e) STATE AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES MANAGE-
22 MENT PLANS.—Section 1204(a) of the Nonindigenous
23 Aquatic Nuisance Prevention and Control Act of 1990 (16
24 U.S.C. 4724(a)) is amended—

1 (1) in paragraph (2)(A) by inserting before the
2 semicolon at the end the following: “, including, in
3 accordance with guidelines issued by the Task Force
4 under paragraph (5)—

5 “(A) rapid response contingency strategies
6 under section 1211;

7 “(B) early detection strategies under sec-
8 tion 1211(a)(2)(D);

9 “(C) aquatic plant control programs pursu-
10 ant to other law; and

11 “(D) screening of planned introductions
12 pursuant to section 1105;”.

13 (2) in paragraph (2)(D) by inserting “include”
14 after “(D)”; and

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

16 “(5) GUIDELINES.—

17 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year
18 after the date of enactment of the Great Lakes
19 Collaboration Implementation Act, the Task
20 Force shall publish in the Federal Register
21 guidelines for the development of plans under
22 this subsection, including guidelines for report-
23 ing progress in implementing the plans, to en-
24 courage consistency in implementation of and
25 reporting under those plans.

1 “(B) GUIDELINES.—The guidelines pub-
2 lished under subparagraph (A) shall include, for
3 the purpose of paragraph (2)(A), guidelines
4 concerning—

5 “(i) rapid response contingency strate-
6 gies under section 1211;

7 “(ii) early detection and monitoring
8 strategies under section 1211(a)(2)(D);

9 “(iii) aquatic plant control programs;

10 “(iv) screening of planned introduc-
11 tions pursuant to and consistent with sec-
12 tion 1105; and

13 “(v) the review and revision of re-
14 quirements of this subsection and the re-
15 approval process under this subsection.

16 “(6) RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER PLANS.—

17 “(A) IN GENERAL.—A plan approved
18 under paragraph (4) shall be deemed to meet
19 any State planning requirement of the program
20 established under section 104 of the River and
21 Harbor Act of 1958 (33 U.S.C. 610) for a plan
22 to control noxious aquatic plant growths.

23 “(B) ENFORCEMENT.—Funds provided to
24 States for implementation of plans pursuant to
25 section 1204 may be used by States to enforce

1 requirements relating to aquatic invasive species
2 under the Plant Protection Act (7 U.S.C. 7701
3 et seq.) (including regulations promulgated
4 under that Act contained in part 360 of title 7,
5 Code of Federal Regulations (or any successor
6 regulations)).

7 “(7) REVIEW AND REVISION.—

8 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Each State shall peri-
9 odically review and, as necessary and subject to
10 subparagraph (B), revise the management plan
11 of the State in accordance with guidelines of
12 the Task Force under paragraph (5).

13 “(B) UPDATE OF EXISTING PLANS.—A
14 State plan approved under the section before
15 the date of the enactment of the National
16 Aquatic Species Act of 2006 shall be revised by
17 the State under guidelines issued by the Direc-
18 tor to conform to the guidelines published
19 under paragraph (5), but shall be treated as a
20 plan approved under this subsection for pur-
21 poses of grants under this section.

22 “(8) OTHER STATE MANAGEMENT PLANS.—In
23 addition to the management plans required under
24 this subsection, the Director shall encourage each
25 State to develop and implement new, and expand ex-

1 isting, State management plans to improve State ac-
 2 tions to prevent and control aquatic invasive spe-
 3 cies.”.

4 (f) GRANT PROGRAM.—Section 1204(b)(1) of the
 5 Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance Prevention and Control
 6 Act of 1990 (16 U.S.C. 4724(b)(1)) is amended by strik-
 7 ing “subsection (a) for the implementation of those
 8 plans.” and inserting the following: “subsection (a)—

9 “(A) to develop those plans with a total amount
 10 that does not exceed 10 percent of the amounts
 11 made available for grants under this section for each
 12 fiscal year; and

13 “(B) to implement those plans.”.

14 **SEC. 117. INTERNATIONAL COORDINATION.**

15 Subtitle E of title I of the Nonindigenous Aquatic
 16 Nuisance Prevention and Control Act of 1990 (16 U.S.C.
 17 4751 et seq.) is amended—

18 (1) by striking the subtitle heading and insert-
 19 ing the following:

20 **“Subtitle E—Administration”;**

21 and

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

23 **“SEC. 1402. INTERNATIONAL COORDINATION.**

24 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Task Force, the Invasive
 25 Species Council, and the Secretary of State shall, to the

1 maximum extent practicable, coordinate activities to en-
2 sure that international efforts to prevent and manage
3 aquatic invasive species (including through the Inter-
4 national Maritime Organization, the International Con-
5 vention on the Exploration of the Sea, the Global Invasive
6 Species Program, and other appropriate programs) are co-
7 ordinated with policies of the United States established by
8 this Act.

9 “(b) COORDINATION WITH NEIGHBORING COUN-
10 TRIES.—

11 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Task Force, in con-
12 sultation with the Secretary of State, shall include in
13 the report required by section 1202(m) a description
14 of the means by which international agreements and
15 regulations with countries that share a border with
16 the United States will be implemented and enforced
17 by Federal agencies (including a clarification of the
18 roles and responsibilities of those agencies).

19 “(2) NEGOTIATIONS.—As soon as practicable
20 after the date of enactment of the Great Lakes Col-
21 laboration Implementation Act, the Secretary of
22 State may enter into negotiations with—

23 “(A) Canada to issue a request that the
24 International Joint Commission, by not later
25 than 18 months after the date of enactment of

1 that Act, review, research, conduct hearings on,
2 and submit to the parties represented on the
3 International Joint Commission a report that
4 describes the success of current policies of gov-
5 ernments in the United States and Canada hav-
6 ing jurisdiction over the Great Lakes in antici-
7 pating and preventing biological invasions of
8 the aquatic ecosystem in the Great Lakes, in-
9 cluding—

10 “(i) an analysis of current Federal,
11 State or Provincial, local, and international
12 laws, enforcement practices, and agree-
13 ments;

14 “(ii) an analysis of prevention efforts
15 related to all likely pathways for biological
16 invasions of the aquatic ecosystem in the
17 Great Lakes; and

18 “(iii) recommendations of the Inter-
19 national Joint Commission for means by
20 which to improve and harmonize the poli-
21 cies and enforcement practices referred to
22 in clause (i); and

23 “(B) Mexico, to ensure coordination of ef-
24 forts of the United States with efforts of Mex-

1 ico to manage invasive species established in the
2 United States-Mexico border region.”.

3 **CHAPTER 5—AUTHORIZATION OF**
4 **APPROPRIATIONS**

5 **SEC. 121. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

6 Section 1301 of the Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance
7 Prevention and Control Act of 1990 (16 U.S.C. 4741) is
8 amended to read as follows:

9 **“SEC. 1301. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

10 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Except as otherwise provided in
11 this section, there are authorized to be appropriated such
12 sums as are necessary to carry out this Act for each of
13 fiscal years 2008 through 2012.

14 “(b) TASK FORCE AND AQUATIC NUISANCE SPECIES
15 PROGRAM.—There are authorized to be appropriated for
16 each of fiscal years 2008 through 2012—

17 “(1) \$8,000,000, to carry out activities of the
18 Task Force under section 1202, of which—

19 “(A) \$4,000,000 shall be used by the Di-
20 rector;

21 “(B) \$3,000,000 shall be used by the Na-
22 tional Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration;
23 and

24 “(C) \$1,000,000 shall be used by the
25 Invasive Species Council;

1 “(2) \$30,000,000, to provide grants under sec-
2 tion 1204(b);

3 “(3) \$3,000,000, to provide assistance to the
4 regional panels of the Task Force; and

5 “(4) \$1,000,000, to be used by the Director to
6 carry out section 1105(g).

7 “(c) INTERNATIONAL COORDINATION.—There is au-
8 thorized to be appropriated to the Department of State
9 to carry out section 1403 \$1,000,000 for each of fiscal
10 years 2008 through 2012.

11 “(d) PREVENTION OF INTRODUCTION BY VESSELS
12 OF AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES INTO WATERS OF THE
13 UNITED STATES.—There are authorized to be appro-
14 priated for each of fiscal years 2008 through 2012—

15 “(1) \$6,000,000, to be used by the Secretary to
16 carry out section 1101;

17 “(2) \$2,500,000, to be used by the Adminis-
18 trator to carry out section 1101; and

19 “(3) \$2,750,000, to be used by the Task Force
20 to carry out section 1101, of which—

21 “(A) \$1,500,000 shall be used by the Di-
22 rector; and

23 “(B) \$1,250,000 shall be used by the Na-
24 tional Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

1 “(e) PREVENTION OF THE INTRODUCTION BY NON-
2 VESSEL PATHWAYS OF AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES INTO
3 WATERS OF THE UNITED STATES.—There are authorized
4 to be appropriated for each of fiscal years 2008 through
5 2012—

6 “(1) \$5,000,000, to carry out the priority path-
7 way management program under section 1210, of
8 which—

9 “(A) \$2,000,000 shall be used by the Na-
10 tional Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration;
11 and

12 “(B) \$3,000,000 shall be used by the Di-
13 rector;

14 “(2) \$1,000,000, to be used by the Invasive
15 Species Council to establish screening guidelines
16 under section 1105(b); and

17 “(3) \$3,500,000, to be used by the Director to
18 promulgate and implement screening requirements
19 under section 1105(g).

20 “(f) EARLY DETECTION AND MONITORING.—There
21 are authorized to be appropriated, to carry out early detec-
22 tion, monitoring, and survey planning and implementation
23 under section 1106, \$2,000,000 for each of fiscal years
24 2008 and 2009 and \$10,000,000 for each of fiscal years
25 2010 through 2012, of which—

1 “(1) for each of fiscal years 2008 and 2009—

2 “(A) \$1,000,000 shall be used by the Na-
3 tional Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration;
4 and

5 “(B) \$1,000,000 shall be used by the Di-
6 rector; and

7 “(2) for each of fiscal years 2010 through
8 2012—

9 “(A) \$5,000,000 shall be used by the Na-
10 tional Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration;
11 and

12 “(B) \$5,000,000 shall be used by the Di-
13 rector.

14 “(g) RAPID RESPONSE AND ENVIRONMENTAL
15 SOUNDNESS.—

16 “(1) RAPID RESPONSE.—There are authorized
17 to be appropriated for each of fiscal years 2008
18 through 2012—

19 “(A) \$25,000,000, to the rapid response
20 fund of the Secretary of the Interior established
21 under section 1211;

22 “(B) \$1,000,000, to be used by the
23 Invasive Species Council in developing the State
24 and regional rapid response contingency strat-
25 egy under section 1211; and

1 “(C) \$1,500,000, to be used for Federal
2 rapid response teams under section 1211(e), of
3 which—

4 “(i) \$500,000 shall be used by the
5 National Oceanic and Atmospheric Admin-
6 istration; and

7 “(ii) \$1,000,000 shall be used by the
8 Director.

9 “(2) ENVIRONMENTAL SOUNDNESS.—There is
10 authorized to be appropriated for establishment
11 under section 1202(k) of criteria for the improve-
12 ment of treatment methods for aquatic invasive spe-
13 cies \$600,000 for each of fiscal years 2008 through
14 2011.

15 “(h) INFORMATION, EDUCATION, AND OUTREACH.—
16 There are authorized to be appropriated for each of fiscal
17 years 2008 through 2012—

18 “(1) \$500,000, to be used by the Secretary of
19 the Interior to carry out the information and edu-
20 cation program under section 1202(h)(2)(D);

21 “(2) \$750,000, to be used by the Director in
22 carrying out the 100th meridian program under sec-
23 tion 1202(h)(2)(C);

1 “(3) \$2,000,000, to be used to carry out infor-
2 mational and educational activities of the Task
3 Force under section 1202(h), of which—

4 “(A) \$1,000,000 shall be used by the Na-
5 tional Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration;
6 and

7 “(B) \$1,000,000 shall be used by the Di-
8 rector; and

9 “(4) \$500,000, to be used by the National Oce-
10 anic and Atmospheric Administration to carry out
11 section 1202(h)(2)(B)(ii).”.

12 **CHAPTER 6—CONFORMING AMENDMENTS**

13 **SEC. 126. CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.**

14 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Nonindigenous Aquatic Nui-
15 sance Prevention and Control Act of 1990 is amended—

16 (1) in section 1101 (16 U.S.C. 4711) by strik-
17 ing the section heading and inserting the following:

18 **“SEC. 1101. PREVENTION OF INTRODUCTION OF AQUATIC**
19 **INVASIVE SPECIES INTO WATERS OF THE**
20 **UNITED STATES BY VESSELS.”;**

21 (2) in section 1102 (16 U.S.C. 4712)—

22 (A) in subsection (a) by striking the sub-
23 section heading and inserting the following:

24 **“(a) STUDIES ON INTRODUCTION OF AQUATIC**
25 **INVASIVE SPECIES BY VESSELS.—”;** and

1 (B) in subsection (b)—

2 (i) by striking paragraph (1); and

3 (ii) by redesignating paragraphs (2)

4 and (3) as paragraphs (1) and (2), respec-

5 tively;

6 (3) in subtitle C (16 U.S.C. 4721 et seq.) by

7 striking the subtitle heading and inserting the fol-

8 lowing:

9 **“Subtitle C—Prevention and Con-**
10 **trol of Aquatic Invasive Species**
11 **Dispersal”;**

12 (4) in section 1201(a) (16 U.S.C. 4721(a)) by

13 striking “Nuisance Species” and inserting “Invasive

14 Species”;

15 (5) in section 1202 (16 U.S.C. 4722) by strik-

16 ing the section heading and inserting the following:

17 **“SEC. 1202. AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES PROGRAM.”;**

18 (6) in section 1204 (16 U.S.C. 4724) by strik-

19 ing the section heading and inserting the following:

20 **“SEC. 1204. STATE AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES MANAGE-**

21 **MENT PLANS.”;**

22 and

23 (7) by striking “aquatic nuisance species” each

24 place it appears and inserting “aquatic invasive spe-

25 cies”.

1 (b) SHORT TITLE.—(1) Section 1001 of the Non-
2 indigenous Aquatic Nuisance Prevention and Control Act
3 of 1990 (16 U.S.C. 4701) is amended by striking “Non-
4 indigenous Aquatic Nuisance” and inserting “Nonindige-
5 nous Aquatic Invasive Species”.

6 (2) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, reg-
7 ulation, document, paper, or other record of the United
8 States to the Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance Prevention
9 and Control Act of 1990 shall be deemed to be a reference
10 to the Nonindigenous Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention
11 and Control Act of 1990.

12 **Subtitle B—Aquatic Invasive**
13 **Species Research**

14 **SEC. 141. FINDINGS.**

15 The Congress makes the following findings:

16 (1) Aquatic invasive species damage infrastruc-
17 ture, disrupt commerce, outcompete native species,
18 reduce biodiversity, and threaten human health.

19 (2) The direct and indirect costs of aquatic
20 invasive species to our Nation’s economy number in
21 the billions of dollars per year.

22 (3) Recent studies have shown that, in addition
23 to economic damage, invasive species cause enor-
24 mous environmental damage, and have cited invasive

1 species as the second leading threat to endangered
2 species.

3 (4) Over the past 200 years, the rate of de-
4 tected marine and freshwater invasions in North
5 America has increased exponentially.

6 (5) The rate of invasions continues to grow
7 each year.

8 (6) Marine and freshwater research underlies
9 every aspect of detecting, preventing, controlling,
10 and eradicating invasive species, educating citizens
11 and stakeholders, and restoring ecosystems.

12 (7) Current Federal efforts, including research
13 efforts, have focused primarily on controlling estab-
14 lished invasive species, which is both costly and often
15 unsuccessful. An emphasis on research, development,
16 and demonstration to support efforts to prevent
17 invasive species or eradicate them upon entry into
18 United States waters would likely result in a more
19 cost-effective and successful approach to combating
20 invasive species through preventing initial introduc-
21 tion.

22 (8) Research, development, and demonstration
23 to support prevention and eradication includes moni-
24 toring of both pathways and ecosystems to track the
25 introduction and establishment of nonnative species,

1 and development and testing of technologies to pre-
2 vent introduction through known pathways.

3 (9) Therefore, Congress finds that it is in the
4 United States interest to conduct a comprehensive
5 and thorough research, development, and demonstra-
6 tion program on aquatic invasive species in order to
7 better understand how aquatic invasive species are
8 introduced and become established and to support
9 efforts to prevent the introduction and establishment
10 of, and to eradicate, these species.

11 **SEC. 142. DEFINITIONS.**

12 In this Act:

13 (1) ADMINISTERING AGENCIES.—The term “ad-
14 ministering agencies” means—

15 (A) the National Oceanic and Atmospheric
16 Administration (including the Great Lakes En-
17 vironmental Research Laboratory);

18 (B) the Smithsonian Institution (acting
19 through the Smithsonian Environmental Re-
20 search Center); and

21 (C) the United States Geological Survey.

22 (2) AQUATIC ECOSYSTEM.—The term “aquatic
23 ecosystem” means a freshwater, marine, or estuarine
24 environment (including inland waters, riparian
25 areas, and wetlands) located in the United States.

1 (3) BALLAST WATER.—The term “ballast
2 water” means any water (with its suspended matter)
3 used to maintain the trim and stability of a vessel.

4 (4) INVASION.—The term “invasion” means the
5 introduction and establishment of an invasive species
6 into an ecosystem beyond its historic range.

7 (5) INVASIVE SPECIES.—The term “invasive
8 species” means a species—

9 (A) that is nonnative to the ecosystem
10 under consideration; and

11 (B) whose introduction causes or may
12 cause harm to the economy, the environment, or
13 human health.

14 (6) INVASIVE SPECIES COUNCIL.—The term
15 “Invasive Species Council” means the council estab-
16 lished by section 3 of Executive Order No. 13112
17 (42 U.S.C. 4321 note).

18 (7) PATHWAY.—The term “pathway” means 1
19 or more routes by which an invasive species is trans-
20 ferred from one ecosystem to another.

21 (8) SPECIES.—The term “species” means any
22 fundamental category of taxonomic classification or
23 any viable biological material ranking below a genus
24 or subgenus.

1 (9) **TASK FORCE.**—The term “Task Force”
2 means the Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force es-
3 tablished by section 1201(a) of the Nonindigenous
4 Aquatic Nuisance Prevention and Control Act of
5 1990 (16 U.S.C. 4721(a)).

6 (10) **TYPE APPROVAL.**—The term “type ap-
7 proval” means an approval procedure under which a
8 type of system is certified as meeting a standard es-
9 tablished pursuant to Federal law for a particular
10 application.

11 **SEC. 143. COORDINATION AND IMPLEMENTATION.**

12 (a) **COORDINATION.**—In carrying out this Act, the
13 administering agencies shall coordinate with—

14 (1) appropriate State agencies;

15 (2) the Fish and Wildlife Service, the Environ-
16 mental Protection Agency, and other appropriate
17 Federal agencies; and

18 (3) the Task Force and Invasive Species Coun-
19 cil.

20 (b) **IMPLEMENTATION.**—The administering agencies
21 shall enter into a memorandum of understanding regard-
22 ing the implementation of this Act, which shall include the
23 coordination required by subsection (a).

1 (c) COOPERATION.—In carrying out this Act, the ad-
2 ministering agencies shall contract, as appropriate, or oth-
3 erwise cooperate with academic researchers.

4 (d) STRUCTURE.—To the extent practicable, the ad-
5 ministering agencies shall carry out this Act working with-
6 in the organizational structure of the Task Force and
7 Invasive Species Council.

8 **SEC. 144. ECOLOGICAL AND PATHWAY RESEARCH.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—The administering agencies shall
10 develop and conduct a marine and fresh-water research
11 program which shall include ecological and pathway sur-
12 veys and experimentation to detect nonnative aquatic spe-
13 cies in aquatic ecosystems and to assess rates and patterns
14 of introductions of nonnative aquatic species in aquatic
15 ecosystems. The goal of this marine and freshwater re-
16 search program shall be to support efforts to prevent the
17 introduction of, detect, and eradicate invasive species
18 through informing early detection and rapid response ef-
19 forts, informing relevant policy decisions, and assessing
20 the effectiveness of implemented policies to prevent the in-
21 troduction and spread of aquatic invasive species. Surveys
22 and experiments under this subsection shall be commenced
23 not later than 18 months after the date of the enactment
24 of this Act.

1 (b) **PROTOCOL DEVELOPMENT.**—The administering
2 agencies shall establish standardized protocols for con-
3 ducting ecological and pathway surveys of nonnative
4 aquatic species under subsection (a) that are integrated
5 and produce comparable data. Protocols shall, as prac-
6 ticable, be integrated with existing protocols and data col-
7 lection methods. In developing the protocols under this
8 subsection, the administering agencies shall draw on the
9 recommendations gathered at the workshop under sub-
10 section (g). The protocols shall be peer reviewed, and re-
11 vised as necessary. Protocols shall be completed within 1
12 year after the date of the enactment of this Act.

13 (c) **ECOLOGICAL AND PATHWAY SURVEY REQUIRE-**
14 **MENTS.**—(1) Each ecological survey conducted under sub-
15 section (a) shall, at a minimum—

16 (A) document baseline ecological information of
17 the aquatic ecosystem including, to the extent prac-
18 ticable, a comprehensive inventory of native species,
19 nonnative species, and species of unknown origin
20 present in the ecosystem, as well as the chemical
21 and physical characteristics of the water and under-
22 lying substrate;

23 (B) for nonnative species, gather information to
24 assist in identifying their life history, environmental
25 requirements and tolerances, the historic range of

1 their native ecosystems, and their history of spread-
2 ing from their native ecosystems;

3 (C) track the establishment of nonnative species
4 including information about the estimated abun-
5 dance of nonnative organisms in order to allow an
6 analysis of the probable date of introduction of the
7 species; and

8 (D) identify the likely pathway of entry of non-
9 native species.

10 (2) Each pathway survey conducted under this sec-
11 tion shall, at a minimum—

12 (A) identify what nonnative aquatic species are
13 being introduced or may be introduced through the
14 pathways under consideration;

15 (B) determine the quantities of organisms being
16 introduced through the pathways under consider-
17 ation; and

18 (C) determine the practices that contributed to
19 or could contribute to the introduction of nonnative
20 aquatic species through the pathway under consider-
21 ation.

22 (d) NUMBER AND LOCATION OF SURVEY SITES.—
23 The administering agencies shall designate the number
24 and location of survey sites necessary to carry out marine
25 and freshwater research required under this section. In

1 establishing sites under this subsection or subsection (e),
2 emphasis shall be on the geographic diversity of sites, as
3 well as the diversity of the human uses and biological char-
4 acteristics of sites.

5 (e) COMPETITIVE GRANT PROGRAM.—The National
6 Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the United
7 States Geological Survey shall jointly administer a pro-
8 gram to award competitive, peer-reviewed grants to aca-
9 demic institutions, State agencies, and other appropriate
10 groups, in order to assist in carrying out subsection (a),
11 and shall include to the maximum extent practicable di-
12 verse institutions, including Historically Black Colleges
13 and Universities and those serving large proportions of
14 Hispanics, Native Americans, Asian-Pacific Americans, or
15 other underrepresented populations.

16 (f) SHIP PATHWAY SURVEYS.—Section
17 1102(b)(2)(B)(ii) of the Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance
18 Prevention and Control Act of 1990 (16 U.S.C.
19 4712(b)(2)(B)(ii)) is amended to read as follows:

20 “(ii) examine other potential modes
21 for the introduction of nonnative aquatic
22 species by ship, including hull fouling.”.

23 (g) WORKSHOP.—In order to support the develop-
24 ment of the protocols and design for the surveys under
25 subsections (b) and (c), and to determine how to obtain

1 consistent, comparable data across a range of ecosystems,
2 the administering agencies shall convene at least one
3 workshop with appropriate researchers and representa-
4 tives involved in the management of aquatic invasive spe-
5 cies from Federal and State agencies and academic insti-
6 tutions to gather recommendations. The administering
7 agencies shall make the results of the workshop widely
8 available to the public. The workshop shall be held within
9 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act.

10 (h) EXPERIMENTATION.—The administering agen-
11 cies shall conduct research to identify the relationship be-
12 tween the introduction and establishment of nonnative
13 aquatic species, including those legally introduced, and the
14 circumstances necessary for those species to become
15 invasive.

16 (i) NATIONAL PATHWAY AND ECOLOGICAL SURVEYS
17 DATABASE.—

18 (1) IN GENERAL.—The United States Geologi-
19 cal Survey shall develop, maintain, and update, in
20 consultation and cooperation with the Smithsonian
21 Institution (acting through the Smithsonian Envi-
22 ronmental Research Center), the National Oceanic
23 and Atmospheric Administration, and the Task
24 Force, a central, national database of information
25 concerning information collected under this section.

- 1 (2) REQUIREMENTS.—The database shall—
- 2 (A) be widely available to the public;
- 3 (B) be updated not less than once a quar-
- 4 ter;
- 5 (C) be coordinated with existing databases,
- 6 both domestic and foreign, collecting similar in-
- 7 formation; and
- 8 (D) be, to the maximum extent practicable,
- 9 formatted such that the data is useful for both
- 10 researchers and Federal and State employees
- 11 managing relevant invasive species programs.

12 **SEC. 145. ANALYSIS.**

13 (a) INVASION ANALYSIS.—

- 14 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 3 years after
- 15 the date of the enactment of this Act, and every year
- 16 thereafter, the administering agencies shall analyze
- 17 data collected under section 144 and other relevant
- 18 research on the rates and patterns of invasions by
- 19 aquatic invasive species in waters of the United
- 20 States. The purpose of this analysis shall be to use
- 21 the data collected under section 144 and other rel-
- 22 evant research to support efforts to prevent the in-
- 23 troduction of, detect, and eradicate invasive species
- 24 through informing early detection and rapid re-
- 25 sponse efforts, informing relevant policy decisions,

1 and assessing the effectiveness of implemented poli-
2 cies to prevent the introduction and spread of
3 invasive species.

4 (2) CONTENTS.—The analysis required under
5 paragraph (1) shall include with respect to aquatic
6 invasive species—

7 (A) an analysis of pathways, including—

8 (i) identifying, and characterizing as
9 high, medium, or low risk, pathways re-
10 regionally and nationally;

11 (ii) identifying new and expanding
12 pathways;

13 (iii) identifying handling practices
14 that contribute to the introduction of spe-
15 cies in pathways; and

16 (iv) assessing the risk that species le-
17 gally introduced into the United States
18 pose for introduction into aquatic eco-
19 systems;

20 (B) patterns and rates of invasion and sus-
21 ceptibility to invasion of various bodies of
22 water;

23 (C) how the risk of establishment through
24 a pathway is related to the identity and number
25 of organisms transported;

1 (D) rates of spread and numbers and types
2 of pathways of spread of new populations of the
3 aquatic invasive species and an estimation of
4 the potential spread and distribution of newly
5 introduced invasive species based on their envi-
6 ronmental requirements and historical distribu-
7 tion;

8 (E) documentation of factors that influ-
9 ence an ecosystem's vulnerability to a nonnative
10 aquatic species becoming invasive;

11 (F) a description of the potential for, and
12 impacts of, pathway management programs on
13 invasion rates;

14 (G) recommendations for improvements in
15 the effectiveness of pathway management;

16 (H) to the extent practical, a determina-
17 tion of the level of reduction in live organisms
18 of various taxonomic groups required to reduce
19 the risk of establishment to receiving aquatic
20 ecosystems to an acceptable level; and

21 (I) an evaluation of the effectiveness of
22 management actions (including any standard)
23 at preventing nonnative species introductions
24 and establishment.

1 (b) RESEARCH TO ASSESS THE POTENTIAL OF THE
2 ESTABLISHMENT OF INTRODUCED SPECIES.—Within 2
3 years after the date of the enactment of this Act, the ad-
4 ministering agencies shall develop a profile, based on the
5 general characteristics of invasive species and vulnerable
6 ecosystems, in order to predict, to the extent practical,
7 whether a species planned for importation is likely to in-
8 vade a particular aquatic ecosystem if introduced. In de-
9 veloping the profile, the above agencies shall analyze the
10 research conducted under section 144, and other research
11 as necessary, to determine general species and ecosystem
12 characteristics (taking into account the opportunity for in-
13 troduction into any ecosystem) and circumstances that can
14 lead to establishment. Based on the profile, the Task
15 Force shall make recommendations to the Invasive Species
16 Council as to what planned importations of nonnative
17 aquatic organisms should be restricted. This profile shall
18 be peer-reviewed.

19 (c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
20 are authorized to be appropriated for carrying out this sec-
21 tion and section 144, and section 1102(b)(2) of the Non-
22 indigenous Aquatic Nuisance Prevention and Control Act
23 of 1990 (16 U.S.C. 4712(b)(2)) for each of the fiscal years
24 2008 through 2012—

1 (1) \$4,000,000 for the Smithsonian Environ-
2 mental Research Center;

3 (2) \$11,000,000 for the United States Geologi-
4 cal Survey (including activities through the Coopera-
5 tive Fish and Wildlife Research Program), of which
6 \$6,500,000 shall be for the grant program under
7 section 144(e), and of which \$500,000 shall be for
8 developing, maintaining, and updating the database
9 under section 144(i); and

10 (3) \$10,500,000 for the National Oceanic and
11 Atmospheric Administration, of which \$6,500,000
12 shall be for the grant program under section 144(e).

13 **SEC. 146. DISSEMINATION.**

14 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Invasive Species Council, in
15 coordination with the Task Force and the administering
16 agencies, shall be responsible for disseminating the infor-
17 mation collected under this Act to the public, including
18 Federal, State, and local entities, relevant policymakers,
19 and private researchers with responsibility over or interest
20 in aquatic invasive species.

21 (b) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 3 years
22 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Invasive
23 Species Council shall report actions and findings under
24 section 145 to the Congress, and shall update this report
25 once every 3 years thereafter, or more often as necessary.

1 (c) RESPONSE STRATEGY.—The Invasive Species
2 Council, in coordination with the Task Force, the admin-
3 istering agencies, and other appropriate Federal and State
4 agencies, shall develop and implement a national strategy
5 for how information collected under this Act will be shared
6 with Federal, State, and local entities with responsibility
7 for determining response to the introduction of potentially
8 invasive aquatic species, to enable those entities to better
9 and more rapidly respond to such introductions.

10 (d) PATHWAY PRACTICES.—The Invasive Species
11 Council, in coordination with the Task Force and the ad-
12 ministering agencies, shall disseminate information to,
13 and develop an ongoing educational program for, pathway
14 users (including vendors and customers) on how their
15 practices could be modified to prevent the intentional or
16 unintentional introduction of nonnative aquatic species
17 into aquatic ecosystems.

18 (e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
19 are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary of the
20 Interior for each of the fiscal years 2008 through 2012
21 \$500,000 for the Invasive Species Council for carrying out
22 this section.

1 **SEC. 147. TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT, DEMONSTRATION,**
2 **AND VERIFICATION.**

3 (a) ENVIRONMENTALLY SOUND TECHNOLOGY DE-
4 VELOPMENT, DEMONSTRATION, AND VERIFICATION.—

5 (1) GRANT PROGRAM.—Not later than 1 year
6 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the En-
7 vironmental Protection Agency, acting through the
8 Office of Research and Development, in consultation
9 with the Army Corps of Engineers, the admin-
10 istering agencies, and the Task Force, shall develop
11 and begin administering a grant program to fund re-
12 search, development, demonstration, and verification
13 of environmentally sound cost-effective technologies
14 and methods to control and eradicate aquatic
15 invasive species.

16 (2) PURPOSES.—Proposals funded under this
17 subsection shall—

18 (A) seek to support Federal, State, or local
19 officials' ongoing efforts to control and eradi-
20 cate aquatic invasive species in an environ-
21 mentally sound manner;

22 (B) increase the number of environ-
23 mentally sound technologies or methods Fed-
24 eral, State, or local officials may use to control
25 or eradicate aquatic invasive species;

1 (C) provide for demonstration or dissemi-
2 nation of the technology or method to potential
3 end-users; and

4 (D) verify that any technology or method
5 meets any appropriate criteria developed for ef-
6 fectiveness and environmental soundness by the
7 Environmental Protection Agency.

8 (3) PREFERENCE.—The Administrator of the
9 Environmental Protection Agency shall give pref-
10 erence to proposals that will likely meet any appro-
11 priate criteria developed for environmental sound-
12 ness by the Environmental Protection Agency.

13 (4) MERIT REVIEW.—Grants shall be awarded
14 under this subsection through a competitive, peer-re-
15 viewed process.

16 (5) REPORT.—Not later than 3 years after the
17 date of the enactment of this Act, the Administrator
18 of the Environmental Protection Agency shall pre-
19 pare and submit a report to Congress on the pro-
20 gram conducted under this subsection. The report
21 shall include findings and recommendations of the
22 Administrator with regard to technologies and meth-
23 ods.

24 (b) SHIP PATHWAY TECHNOLOGY DEMONSTRA-
25 TION.—

1 (1) REAUTHORIZATION OF PROGRAM.—Section
2 1301(e) of the Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance
3 Prevention and Control Act of 1990 (16 U.S.C.
4 4741(e)) is amended by striking “\$2,500,000” and
5 inserting “\$7,500,000 for each of the fiscal years
6 2008 through 2012”.

7 (2) EXPANSION OF PROGRAM.—Section 1104(b)
8 of the Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance Prevention
9 and Control Act of 1990 (16 U.S.C. 4714(b)) is
10 amended—

11 (A) by redesignating paragraphs (4) and
12 (5) as paragraphs (5) and (6), respectively; and

13 (B) by inserting after paragraph (3) the
14 following new paragraph:

15 “(4) ADDITIONAL PURPOSES.—The Secretary
16 of the Interior and the Secretary of Commerce may
17 also demonstrate and verify technologies under this
18 subsection to monitor and control pathways of orga-
19 nism transport on ships other than through ballast
20 water.”.

21 (3) CRITERIA AND WORKSHOP.—Section 1104
22 of the Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance Prevention
23 and Control Act of 1990 (16 U.S.C. 4714) is
24 amended by adding at the end the following new
25 subsections:

1 “(d) CRITERIA.—When issuing grants under this sec-
2 tion, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administra-
3 tion shall give preference to those technologies that will
4 likely meet the criteria laid out in any testing protocol de-
5 veloped by the Environmental Protection Agency Office of
6 Research and Development’s Environmental Technology
7 Verification Program.

8 “(e) WORKSHOP.—The National Oceanic and Atmos-
9 pheric Administration shall hold an annual workshop of
10 principal investigators funded under this section and re-
11 searchers conducting research directly related to ship
12 pathway technology development, for information ex-
13 change, and shall make the proceedings widely available
14 to the public.”.

15 (c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
16 are authorized to be appropriated for each of the fiscal
17 years 2008 through 2012 \$2,500,000 for the Environ-
18 mental Protection Agency to carry out subsection (a).

19 **SEC. 148. RESEARCH TO SUPPORT THE SETTING AND IM-**
20 **PLEMENTATION OF SHIP PATHWAY STAND-**
21 **ARDS.**

22 (a) RESEARCH PROGRAM.—The Coast Guard and the
23 Environmental Protection Agency, in coordination with
24 the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration,
25 the Task Force, and other appropriate Federal agencies

1 and academic researchers, shall develop a coordinated re-
2 search program to support the promulgation and imple-
3 mentation of standards to prevent the introduction and
4 spread of invasive species by ships that shall include—

5 (1) characterizing physical, chemical, and bio-
6 logical harbor conditions relevant to ballast dis-
7 charge into United States waters to inform the de-
8 sign and implementation of ship vector control tech-
9 nologies and practices;

10 (2) developing testing protocols for determining
11 the effectiveness of vector monitoring and control
12 technologies and practices;

13 (3) researching and demonstrating methods for
14 mitigating the spread of invasive species by coastal
15 voyages, including exploring the effectiveness of al-
16 ternative exchange zones in the near coastal areas
17 and other methods proposed to reduce transfers of
18 organisms;

19 (4) verifying the practical effectiveness of any
20 type approval process to ensure that the process pro-
21 duces repeatable and accurate assessments of treat-
22 ment effectiveness; and

23 (5) evaluating the effectiveness and residual
24 risk and environmental impacts associated with any

1 standard set with respect to the ship pathway
2 through experimental research.

3 (b) WORKING GROUP.—Not later than 2 years after
4 the issuance by the Coast Guard of any standard relating
5 to the introduction by ships of invasive species, the Coast
6 Guard shall convene a working group including the Envi-
7 ronmental Protection Agency, the administering agencies,
8 and other appropriate Federal and State agencies and aca-
9 demic researchers, to evaluate the effectiveness of that
10 standard and accompanying implementation protocols.
11 The duties of the working group shall, at a minimum, in-
12 clude—

13 (1) reviewing the effectiveness of the standard
14 in reducing the establishment of invasive species in
15 aquatic ecosystems, taking into consideration the
16 data collected under section 144; and

17 (2) developing recommendations to the Coast
18 Guard for the revision of such standard and type ap-
19 proval process to ensure effectiveness in reducing in-
20 troductions and accurate shipboard monitoring of
21 treatment performance that is simple and stream-
22 lined, which shall be made widely available to the
23 public.

24 (c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
25 are authorized to be appropriated for each of the fiscal

1 years 2008 through 2012 \$1,500,000 for the Coast Guard
2 and \$1,500,000 for the Environmental Protection Agency
3 to carry out subsection (a).

4 **SEC. 149. RESEARCH IN SYSTEMATICS AND TAXONOMY.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—The National Science Foundation
6 shall establish a program to award grants to researchers
7 at institutions of higher education and museums to carry
8 out research programs in systematics and taxonomy.

9 (b) GOALS.—The goals of the program under this
10 section are to—

11 (1) encourage scientists to pursue careers in
12 systematics and taxonomy to ensure a continuing
13 knowledge base in these disciplines;

14 (2) ensure that there will be adequate expertise
15 in systematics and taxonomy to support Federal,
16 State, and local needs to identify species;

17 (3) develop this expertise throughout the United
18 States with an emphasis on regional diversity; and

19 (4) draw on existing expertise in systematics
20 and taxonomy at institutions of higher education
21 and museums to train the next generation of system-
22 atists and taxonomists.

23 (c) CRITERIA.—Grants shall be awarded under this
24 section on a merit-reviewed competitive basis. Emphasis
25 shall be placed on funding proposals in a diverse set of

1 ecosystems and geographic locations, and, when applica-
2 ble, integrated with the United States Long Term Ecologi-
3 cal Research Network. Preference shall be given to pro-
4 posals that will include student participation, and to insti-
5 tutions and museums that actively train students to be-
6 come experts in taxonomy and systematics.

7 (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
8 are authorized to be appropriated to the National Science
9 Foundation for carrying out this section \$2,500,000 for
10 each of the fiscal years 2008 through 2012.

11 **SEC. 150. STATE PROGRAMS.**

12 (a) PLAN.—The administering agencies, in coopera-
13 tion with the appropriate State agencies, shall develop a
14 plan to—

15 (1) conduct a survey of methods States and
16 Federal agencies are using to control or eradicate
17 aquatic invasive species;

18 (2) facilitate the exchange of information
19 among States and Federal agencies on methods
20 States or Federal agencies have found to be effective
21 at controlling or eradicating aquatic invasive species
22 and the costs of those methods; and

23 (3) evaluate the cost-effectiveness of the various
24 methods States and Federal agencies are using to
25 control or eradicate aquatic invasive species.

1 (b) REPORT.—Not later than one year after the date
2 of enactment of this Act, the administering agencies shall
3 jointly transmit to the Congress the plan described in sub-
4 section (a) and the expected costs of carrying out the plan.

5 **Subtitle C—Invasive Species**
6 **Council**

7 **SEC. 161. SHORT TITLE.**

8 This subtitle may be cited as the “National Invasive
9 Species Council Act”.

10 **SEC. 162. STATEMENT OF POLICY REGARDING FEDERAL**
11 **DUTIES.**

12 (a) IN GENERAL.—No Federal agency may author-
13 ize, fund, or carry out any action that would likely cause
14 or promote the introduction or spread of an invasive spe-
15 cies in the United States or any other location, unless the
16 head of the Federal agency, at his or her sole discretion
17 and pursuant to guidelines developed under subsection (b),
18 determines that—

19 (1) the benefits of the action under consider-
20 ation clearly outweigh the potential harm to the en-
21 vironment, economy, or human health caused by the
22 introduction or spread of the invasive species; and

23 (2) all feasible and prudent measures to mini-
24 mize risk of harm to the environment, economy, or

1 human health will be taken in carrying out the ac-
2 tions.

3 (b) GUIDELINES.—The Council for Environmental
4 Quality, in conjunction with the Invasive Species Council,
5 shall develop guidelines for Federal agencies to analyze ac-
6 tions pursuant to this section.

7 **SEC. 163. NATIONAL INVASIVE SPECIES COUNCIL.**

8 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established as an
9 independent entity within the executive branch the Na-
10 tional Invasive Species Council. The Council shall provide
11 leadership and coordination among Federal agencies, and
12 between the Federal Government and State and local gov-
13 ernments, with respect to effort to minimize the economic,
14 ecological, and human health impacts that invasive species
15 cause and reduce the threat of further invasions.

16 (b) MEMBERSHIP.—

17 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Council shall consist of
18 the following members:

19 (A) The Secretary of the Interior.

20 (B) The Secretary of Agriculture.

21 (C) The Secretary of Commerce.

22 (D) The Secretary of State.

23 (E) The Secretary of the Treasury.

24 (F) The Secretary of Defense.

25 (G) The Secretary of Transportation.

1 (H) The Secretary of Health and Human
2 Services.

3 (I) The Administrator of the Environ-
4 mental Protection Agency.

5 (J) The Administrator of the United
6 States Agency for International Development.

7 (K) Such additional members as may be
8 appointed under paragraph (2).

9 (2) ADDITIONAL MEMBERS.—With the concur-
10 rence of a majority of the members of the Council,
11 the Chair of the Council may appoint additional
12 members to the Council from among individuals who
13 are officers or employees of the Federal Government
14 with significant responsibilities concerning invasive
15 species.

16 (c) CHAIR.—The Secretary of the Interior shall serve
17 as chair of the Council for the 3-year period beginning
18 on the date of the enactment of this Act. Thereafter, the
19 chair shall rotate every 3 years among the following mem-
20 bers, in the order stated:

21 (1) The Secretary of Agriculture.

22 (2) The Secretary of Commerce.

23 (3) The Secretary of the Interior.

24 (d) MEETINGS.—The Council shall meet at least
25 semiannually, at the call of the chair.

1 (e) EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.—

2 (1) APPOINTMENT.—The President shall ap-
3 point the Executive Director of the Council, by and
4 with the advice and consent of the Senate.

5 (2) CONSULTATION.—Before appointing an in-
6 dividual under paragraph (1), the President shall
7 consult with the Secretary of the Interior, the Sec-
8 retary of Agriculture, and the Secretary of Com-
9 merce.

10 (3) QUALIFICATIONS.—An individual appointed
11 under this subsection must have legal or scientific
12 experience and training in the area of natural re-
13 sources, ecology, or agriculture, and experience in
14 dealing with public policy matters regarding aquatic
15 and terrestrial invasive species.

16 (4) TERM.—The Executive Director of the
17 Council shall serve a term of six years, unless re-
18 moved earlier by the President.

19 (5) COMPENSATION.—The Executive Director
20 shall be paid at the maximum rate of basic pay for
21 GS–15 of the General Schedule.

22 **SEC. 164. DUTIES.**

23 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Council shall ensure that
24 Federal agency efforts concerning invasive species are co-
25 ordinated, effective, complementary, and cost-efficient.

1 (b) SPECIFIC FUNCTIONS.—To carry out subsection
2 (a) the Council shall perform the following functions:

3 (1) Coordinate with existing organizations ad-
4 dressing invasive species, such as the Aquatic Nui-
5 sance Species Task Force, the Federal Interagency
6 Committee for the Management of Noxious and Ex-
7 otic Weeds, regional panels established under the
8 Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance Prevention and
9 Control Act of 1990 (16 U.S.C. 4701 et seq.), and
10 the White House Office of Science and Technology
11 Policy, to implement the National Management
12 Plan.

13 (2) Develop recommendations for international
14 cooperation between Federal and State Governments
15 and other nations on tools, policies, and methods to
16 prevent the introduction and export of invasive spe-
17 cies into and from, respectively, the United States.

18 (3) Develop guidelines for Federal agency ef-
19 forts to ensure that Federal programs concerning
20 invasive species, including outreach programs, are
21 coordinated with State, local, and tribal govern-
22 ments.

23 (4) Develop, in consultation with the Council on
24 Environmental Quality, guidance to Federal agencies
25 pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act

1 of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.) on prevention, con-
2 trol, and eradication of invasive species.

3 (5) Establish and maintain a publicly acces-
4 sible, coordinated, up-to-date information sharing
5 system that—

6 (A) allows the access to and exchange of
7 information among Federal agencies and the
8 public; and

9 (B) utilizes, to the greatest extent prac-
10 ticable, the Internet.

11 (6) Ensure that Federal agencies implement the
12 plans, programs, and policies adopted by the Council
13 in the National Management Plan through appro-
14 priate actions, including working in cooperation with
15 Federal agencies on development of budgets pursu-
16 ant to the President's annual budget submission to
17 the Congress.

18 (7) Evaluate Federal programs that are likely
19 to cause or promote the introduction or spread of
20 invasive species in the United States, and rec-
21 ommend actions Federal agencies can take to mini-
22 mize the risk of introductions or further spread of
23 invasive species.

24 (8) Develop and submit to the appropriate
25 Committees of the House of Representatives and

1 Senate and the Director of the Office of Manage-
2 ment and Budget an annual list of priorities, ranked
3 in high, medium, and low categories, of Federal ef-
4 forts and programs in the following areas:

5 (A) Prevention.

6 (B) Eradication.

7 (C) Control.

8 (D) Monitoring.

9 (E) Research.

10 (F) Outreach.

11 **SEC. 165. NATIONAL INVASIVE SPECIES MANAGEMENT**

12 **PLAN.**

13 (a) DEVELOPMENT.—

14 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Council shall develop a
15 National Invasive Species Management Plan that de-
16 tails and recommends performance-oriented goals
17 and specific measures of success for carrying out
18 each of the Federal agency activities related to
19 invasive species.

20 (2) DEVELOPMENT PROCESS.—The National
21 Management Plan shall be developed through a pub-
22 lic process and in consultation with Federal agen-
23 cies, appropriate State and local entities, and other
24 appropriate stakeholders.

1 (3) CONTENTS.—The National Management
2 Plan shall include recommendations of effective,
3 cost-efficient, environmentally sound, and science-
4 based approaches for the following:

5 (A) Prevention of the introduction of
6 invasive species, including approaches for iden-
7 tifying pathways by which invasive species are
8 introduced and for minimizing the risk of intro-
9 ductions via those pathways. Recommended ap-
10 proaches under this subparagraph shall provide
11 for—

12 (i) a process to evaluate risks associ-
13 ated with the introduction and spread of
14 invasive species; and

15 (ii) a coordinated and systematic risk-
16 based process to identify, monitor, and
17 interdict pathways that may be involved in
18 the introduction of invasive species.

19 (B) Cooperating with other nations to in-
20 crease their capacity to control their invasive
21 species and to prevent the spread of invasive
22 species across international borders.

23 (C) Rapidly detecting and responding to
24 incipient invasions of invasive species.

1 (D) Managing new and established popu-
2 lations of invasive species by eradicating them
3 or controlling their spread.

4 (E) Accurately and reliably monitoring new
5 and established populations of invasive species.

6 (F) Restoring native species and habitat
7 conditions in ecosystems that have been invaded
8 by invasive species.

9 (G) Evaluating and documenting the im-
10 pacts of invasive species on the economy, the
11 environment, and human health.

12 (H) Conducting research on the matters
13 referred to in subparagraphs (A) through (F).

14 (I) Developing technologies to prevent the
15 introduction and provide for the management of
16 invasive species.

17 (J) Promoting public education on invasive
18 species and the means to address them.

19 (4) IDENTIFICATION OF NEEDED PERSONNEL,
20 ETC.—The National Management Plan shall identify
21 the personnel, other resources, and additional levels
22 of coordination needed to achieve the goals included
23 in the plan.

24 (b) EXISTING PLAN.—The Management Plan of the
25 National Invasive Species Council adopted in 2001 shall

1 be treated as the National Management Plan required
2 under subsection (a) until the date of the issuance of the
3 National Management plan in accordance with subsection
4 (c).

5 (c) ISSUANCE AND UPDATE OF NATIONAL MANAGE-
6 MENT PLAN.—The Council shall—

7 (1) issue the National Management Plan re-
8 quired under subsection (a) by not later than De-
9 cember 31, 2008;

10 (2) update the National Management Plan by
11 not later than December 31 biennially; and

12 (3) concurrently with the process of updating
13 the National Management Plan, evaluate and report
14 to the Congress on success in achieving the goals set
15 forth in the National Management Plan.

16 (d) AGENCY REPORTS.—Within 18 months after the
17 date of the issuance of any edition of the National Man-
18 agement Plan that recommends action by a Federal agen-
19 cy, the head of such agency shall report to the Congress
20 any of such actions that the agency has not taken, with
21 an explanation of why the action is not feasible.

22 **SEC. 166. INVASIVE SPECIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE.**

23 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Council shall have an advi-
24 sory committee to provide information and advice for con-
25 sideration by the Council, which shall be known as the

1 Invasive Species Advisory Committee. Except as otherwise
2 provided in this section, the advisory committee shall be
3 organized, perform the functions, and have the authorities
4 specified in the charter for such advisory committee signed
5 by the Secretary of the Interior on October 30, 2001.

6 (b) APPOINTMENT.—Members of the advisory com-
7 mittee shall be appointed by the chair of the Council, after
8 consultation with the other members of the Council, from
9 among individuals representing stakeholders with respect
10 to Federal programs for minimizing the economic, ecologi-
11 cal, and human health impacts that invasive species cause.

12 (c) FUNCTIONS.—In addition to the functions speci-
13 fied in the charter referred to in subsection (a), the advi-
14 sory committee shall recommend to the Council plans and
15 actions at local, tribal, State, regional, and ecosystem-
16 based levels to achieve the goals of the National Manage-
17 ment Plan required under 165.

18 (d) CONTINUING OPERATION OF EXISTING COM-
19 MITTEE.—Any advisory committee appointed before the
20 date of the enactment of this Act pursuant to the charter
21 referred to in subsection (a) may continue in effect under
22 this section.

23 **SEC. 167. BUDGET CROSSCUT.**

24 The Director of the Office of Management and Budg-
25 et shall prepare and submit to the Congress and the Coun-

1 cil, by not later than March 31, 2008, and of each year
2 thereafter, a budget analysis and summary of all Federal
3 programs relating to invasive species.

4 **SEC. 168. DEFINITIONS.**

5 In this Act:

6 (1) COUNCIL.—The term “Council” means the
7 National Invasive Species Council established by sec-
8 tion 163(a).

9 (2) INVASIVE SPECIES.—The term “invasive
10 species” means a species—

11 (A) that is nonnative to the ecosystem
12 under consideration; and

13 (B) the introduction of which causes or
14 may cause harm to the economy, the environ-
15 ment, or human health.

16 (3) NATIONAL MANAGEMENT PLAN.—The term
17 “National Management Plan” means the National
18 Invasive Species Management Plan developed by the
19 Council under section 165(a).

20 (4) SPECIES.—The term “species” means a cat-
21 egory of taxonomic classification ranking below a
22 genus or subgenus and consisting of related orga-
23 nisms capable of interbreeding.

1 **SEC. 169. EXISTING EXECUTIVE ORDER.**

2 Executive Order 13112, dated February 3, 1999,
3 shall have no force or effect.

4 **SEC. 170. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

5 There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out
6 this Act \$2,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2008 through
7 2010.

8 **TITLE II—COASTAL HEALTH**

9 **SEC. 201. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.**

10 (a) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR RURAL AND SMALL
11 TREATMENT WORKS.—Section 104(b) of the Federal
12 Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1254(b)) is
13 amended—

14 (1) by redesignating paragraphs (1) through
15 (7) as subparagraphs (A) through (G), respectively,
16 and indenting the subparagraphs appropriately;

17 (2) by striking “(b) In carrying out” and in-
18 serting the following:

19 “(b) AUTHORIZED ACTIVITIES.—

20 “(1) IN GENERAL.—In carrying out”;

21 (3) in paragraph (1) (as designated by para-
22 graph (2))—

23 (A) by striking “paragraph (1) of sub-
24 section (a)” each place it appears and inserting
25 “subsection (a)(1)”;

1 (B) in subparagraph (C) (as redesignated
2 by paragraph (1)), by striking “of this section”;

3 (C) in subparagraph (F) (as redesignated
4 by paragraph (1)), by striking “thereof; and”
5 and inserting “of the effects;”;

6 (D) in subparagraph (G) (as redesignated
7 by paragraph (1)), by striking the period at the
8 end and inserting “; and”; and

9 (E) by adding at the end the following:

10 “(H) make grants to nonprofit organiza-
11 tions—

12 “(i) to provide technical assistance to
13 rural and small municipalities for the pur-
14 pose of assisting, in consultation with the
15 State in which the assistance is provided,
16 the municipalities in the planning, develop-
17 ment, and acquisition of financing for
18 wastewater infrastructure assistance;

19 “(ii) to capitalize revolving loan funds
20 for the purpose of providing loans, in con-
21 sultation with the State in which the as-
22 sistance is provided and in accordance with
23 paragraph (2), to rural and small munici-
24 palities for—

1 “(I) predevelopment costs associ-
2 ated with wastewater infrastructure
3 projects; and

4 “(II) short-term costs incurred
5 for the replacement of equipment that
6 is not part of a regular operation or
7 maintenance activity for an existing
8 wastewater system;

9 “(iii) to provide technical assistance
10 and training for rural and small publicly-
11 owned treatment works and decentralized
12 wastewater treatment systems to enable
13 the treatment works and systems to—

14 “(I) protect water quality; and

15 “(II) achieve and maintain com-
16 pliance with the requirements of this
17 Act; and

18 “(iv) to disseminate information to
19 rural and small municipalities and municipa-
20 lities that meet the affordability criteria
21 established by the State in which the mu-
22 nicipality is located under section 603(i)(2)
23 with respect to planning, design, construc-
24 tion, and operation of publicly-owned treat-

1 ment works and decentralized wastewater
2 treatment systems.”; and

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

4 “(2) LOAN CONDITIONS.—

5 “(A) IN GENERAL.—A loan provided under
6 paragraph (1)(H)(ii) shall—

7 “(i) be provided at a below-market in-
8 terest rate;

9 “(ii) be provided in an amount not to
10 exceed \$100,000; and

11 “(iii) extend for a term of not more
12 than 10 years.

13 “(B) REPAYMENT.—Repayment of a loan
14 provided under paragraph (1)(H)(ii) shall be
15 credited to the water pollution control revolving
16 loan fund of the appropriate State under sec-
17 tion 603.”.

18 (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section
19 104(u) of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33
20 U.S.C. 1254(u)) is amended—

21 (1) by striking “(u) There is authorized to be
22 appropriated (1) not” and inserting the following:

23 “(u) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
24 are authorized to be appropriated—

25 “(1) not”;

1 (2) in paragraph (1), by striking “provisions;
2 (2) not” and inserting the following: “provisions;
3 “(2) not”;
4 (3) in paragraph (2), by striking “subsection
5 (g)(1); (3) not” and inserting the following: “sub-
6 section (g)(1);
7 “(3) not”;
8 (4) in paragraph (3), by striking “subsection
9 (g)(2); (4) not” and inserting the following: “sub-
10 section (g)(2);
11 “(4) not”;
12 (5) in paragraph (4), by striking “subsection
13 (p); (5) not” and inserting the following: “subsection
14 (p);
15 “(5) not”;
16 (6) in paragraph (5), by striking “subsection
17 (r); and (6) not” and inserting the following: “sub-
18 section (r);
19 “(6) not”;
20 (7) in paragraph (6), by striking the period at
21 the end and inserting “; and”; and
22 (8) by adding at the end the following:
23 “(7) for each of fiscal years 2008 through
24 2012, not more than \$75,000,000 to carry out sub-

1 paragraphs (C) and (H) of subsection (b)(1), of
2 which, during any fiscal year—

3 “(A) not less than 20 percent shall be used
4 to carry out subsection (b)(1)(H); and

5 “(B) not more than $\frac{1}{3}$ of the amount used
6 under subparagraph (A) shall be used to carry
7 out subsection (b)(1)(H)(ii).”.

8 (c) COMPETITIVE PROCEDURES FOR AWARDING
9 GRANTS.—Section 104 of the Federal Water Pollution
10 Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1254) is amended by adding at
11 the end the following:

12 “(w) COMPETITIVE PROCEDURES FOR AWARDING
13 GRANTS.—The Administrator shall establish procedures
14 that promote competition and openness, to the maximum
15 extent practicable, in the award of grants to nonprofit pri-
16 vate agencies, institutions, and organizations under this
17 section.”.

18 **SEC. 202. SEWER OVERFLOW CONTROL GRANTS.**

19 Section 221 of the Federal Water Pollution Control
20 Act (33 U.S.C. 1301) is amended by striking subsection
21 (c) and inserting the following:

22 “(c) DEFINITION OF FINANCIALLY DISTRESSED
23 COMMUNITY.—A financially distressed community re-
24 ferred to in subsection (b) is a community that meets the

1 affordability criteria established by the State in which the
2 community is located under section 603(i)(2).”.

3 **SEC. 203. WATER POLLUTION CONTROL REVOLVING LOAN**
4 **FUNDS.**

5 (a) EXTENDED PAYMENT PERIOD.—Section
6 603(d)(1) of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33
7 U.S.C. 1383(d)(1)) is amended—

8 (1) in subparagraph (A), by striking “20
9 years;” and inserting the following: “the lesser of—
10 “(i) the design life of the project to be
11 financed using the proceeds of the loan; or
12 “(ii) 30 years;”; and

13 (2) in subparagraph (B), by striking “not later
14 than 20 years after project completion” and insert-
15 ing “on the expiration of the term of the loan”.

16 (b) TECHNICAL AND PLANNING ASSISTANCE FOR
17 SMALL SYSTEMS.—Section 603(d) of the Federal Water
18 Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1383(d)) is amended—

19 (1) in paragraph (6), by striking “and” at the
20 end;

21 (2) in paragraph (7), by striking the period at
22 the end and inserting “; and”; and

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

24 “(8) with respect to municipalities and inter-
25 municipal, interstate, and State agencies seeking as-

1 assistance under this title that serve a population of
 2 20,000 or fewer, to provide to owners and operators
 3 of small treatment works, in an amount not to ex-
 4 ceed 2 percent of the amount of total grant awards
 5 made under this title—

6 “(A) technical and planning assistance;

7 and

8 “(B) assistance relating to—

9 “(i) financial management;

10 “(ii) user fee analysis;

11 “(iii) budgeting;

12 “(iv) capital improvement planning;

13 “(v) facility operation and mainte-
 14 nance;

15 “(vi) repair schedules; and

16 “(vii) other activities to improve
 17 wastewater treatment plant management
 18 and operations.”.

19 (c) ADDITIONAL SUBSIDIZATION.—Section 603 of the
 20 Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1383) is
 21 amended by adding at the end the following:

22 “(i) ADDITIONAL SUBSIDIZATION.—

23 “(1) IN GENERAL.—In any case in which a
 24 State provides assistance to a municipality or an
 25 intermunicipal, interstate, or State agency under

1 subsection (d), the State may provide additional sub-
2 sidization, including forgiveness of principal and
3 negative interest loans—

4 “(A) to benefit a municipality that—

5 “(i) meets the affordability criteria of
6 the State established under paragraph (2);
7 or

8 “(ii) does not meet the criteria estab-
9 lished under paragraph (2), if the munici-
10 pality—

11 “(I) seeks additional subsidiza-
12 tion to benefit individual ratepayers in
13 the residential user rate class;

14 “(II) demonstrates to the State
15 that the ratepayers described in sub-
16 clause (I) will experience a significant
17 hardship on the increase in rates re-
18 quired to finance the project or activ-
19 ity for which the assistance is sought;
20 and

21 “(III) ensures, as part of an
22 agreement between the State and the
23 recipient, that the additional sub-
24 sidization provided under this para-
25 graph will be directed to those rate-

1 payers through a user charge rate sys-
2 tem (or another appropriate method);
3 and

4 “(B) to implement alternative processes,
5 materials, and techniques (including non-
6 structural protection of surface waters, new or
7 improved methods of waste treatment, and pol-
8 lutant trading) that may result in cost savings
9 or increased environmental benefit when com-
10 pared to standard processes, materials, and
11 techniques.

12 “(2) AFFORDABILITY CRITERIA.—

13 “(A) ESTABLISHMENT.—

14 “(i) IN GENERAL.—Not later than
15 September 30, 2007, after providing notice
16 and an opportunity for public comment, a
17 State shall establish affordability criteria
18 to assist the State in identifying munici-
19 palities that would experience a significant
20 hardship on the increase in rates required
21 to finance a project or activity that is eligi-
22 ble for assistance under subsection (c)(1) if
23 additional subsidization under paragraph
24 (1) is not provided.

1 “(ii) FACTORS FOR CONSIDER-
2 ATION.—In establishing criteria under
3 clause (i), a State shall take into consider-
4 ation—

5 “(I) income data;

6 “(II) population trends; and

7 “(III) any other data the State
8 determines to be relevant.

9 “(B) EXISTING CRITERIA.—If a State has
10 established, after providing notice and an op-
11 portunity for public comment, criteria in ac-
12 cordance with subparagraph (A) before the date
13 of enactment of this subsection, the criteria
14 shall be considered to be affordability criteria
15 established under that subparagraph.

16 “(C) INFORMATION TO ASSIST STATES.—
17 The Administrator may publish information to
18 assist States in establishing affordability cri-
19 teria under subparagraph (A).

20 “(3) PRIORITY.—In providing assistance under
21 this subsection, a State may give priority to any
22 owner or operator of a project or activity that—

23 “(A) is eligible to receive funding under
24 subsection (c)(1); and

1 “(B) is located in a municipality that
2 meets the affordability criteria established
3 under paragraph (2).

4 “(4) SET-ASIDE.—

5 “(A) IN GENERAL.—For any fiscal year
6 during which more than \$1,400,000,000 is
7 made available to the Administrator to carry
8 out this title, a State shall provide additional
9 subsidization under this subsection in the
10 amount described in subparagraph (B) to enti-
11 ties described in paragraph (1) for projects and
12 activities identified in the intended use plan of
13 the State under section 606(c) on receipt of an
14 application for additional subsidization.

15 “(B) AMOUNT.—The amount referred to in
16 subparagraph (A) is an amount not less than
17 25 percent of the difference between—

18 “(i) the total amount that would have
19 been allotted to the State under section
20 604 during the appropriate fiscal year, if
21 the amount made available to the Adminis-
22 trator to carry out this title during that
23 fiscal year was equal to \$1,400,000,000;
24 and

1 “(ii) the total amount allotted to the
2 State under section 604 for that fiscal
3 year.

4 “(5) LIMITATION.—The total amount of addi-
5 tional subsidization provided by a State under this
6 subsection shall not exceed 30 percent of the total
7 amount of capitalization grants received by the State
8 under this title for fiscal years beginning after Sep-
9 tember 30, 2007.”.

10 **SEC. 204. ALLOTMENT OF FUNDS.**

11 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 604 of the Federal Water
12 Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1384) is amended by
13 striking subsection (a) and inserting the following:

14 “(a) ALLOTMENTS.—

15 “(1) FISCAL YEARS 2008 AND 2009.—Amounts
16 made available to carry out this title for fiscal years
17 2007 and 2008 shall be allotted by the Adminis-
18 trator in accordance with the formula used to cal-
19 culate allotments for fiscal year 2007.

20 “(2) FISCAL YEAR 2010 AND THEREAFTER.—
21 Amounts made available to carry out this title for
22 fiscal year 2010 and each fiscal year thereafter shall
23 be allotted by the Administrator during each fiscal
24 year—

1 “(A) for amounts up to \$1,350,000,000, in
2 accordance with the formula used to calculate
3 allotments for fiscal year 2007; and

4 “(B) for any amount in excess of
5 \$1,350,000,000, in accordance with the formula
6 developed by the Administrator under sub-
7 section (d).”.

8 (b) PLANNING ASSISTANCE.—Section 604(b) of the
9 Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1384(b))
10 is amended by striking “1 percent” and inserting “2 per-
11 cent”.

12 (c) FORMULA.—Section 604 of the Federal Water
13 Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1384) is amended by
14 adding at the end the following:

15 “(d) FORMULA BASED ON WATER QUALITY
16 NEEDS.—Not later than September 30, 2007, after pro-
17 viding notice and an opportunity for public comment, the
18 Administrator shall publish an allotment formula for pur-
19 poses of subsection (a)(2)(B) based on water quality
20 needs, to be determined by the Administrator in accord-
21 ance with the most recent survey of needs developed by
22 the Administrator under section 516.”.

23 **SEC. 205. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

24 Section 607 of the Federal Water Pollution Control
25 Act (33 U.S.C. 1387) is amended to read as follows:

1 **“SEC. 607. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

2 “There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out
3 this title—

4 “(1) \$2,000,000,000 for fiscal year 2008;

5 “(2) \$3,000,000,000 for fiscal year 2009;

6 “(3) \$4,000,000,000 for fiscal year 2010;

7 “(4) \$5,000,000,000 for fiscal year 2011; and

8 “(5) \$6,000,000,000 for fiscal year 2012.”.

9 **TITLE III—AREAS OF CONCERN**

10 **SEC. 301. GREAT LAKES.**

11 (a) REMEDIATION OF SEDIMENT CONTAMINATION IN
12 AREAS OF CONCERN.—Section 118(c)(12)(H) of the Fed-
13 eral Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C.
14 1268(c)(12)(H)) is amended by striking clause (i) and in-
15 serting the following:

16 “(i) IN GENERAL.—In addition to
17 other amounts authorized to be appro-
18 priated to carry out this section, there is
19 authorized to be appropriated to carry out
20 this paragraph \$150,000,000 for each of
21 fiscal years 2008 through 2012.”.

22 (b) NON-FEDERAL SHARE.—Section 118(c)(12) of
23 the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C.
24 1268(c)(12)) is amended—

25 (1) in subparagraph (E), by adding at the end
26 the following:

1 “(v) PAYMENT AND RETENTION OF
2 NON-FEDERAL SHARE.—The non-Federal
3 sponsor for a project under this paragraph
4 may pay to the Administrator, for reten-
5 tion and use by the Administrator in car-
6 rying out the project, the non-Federal
7 share of the cost of the project.”;

8 (2) by redesignating subparagraph (H) (as
9 amended by subsection (a)) as subparagraph (I);
10 and

11 (3) by inserting after subparagraph (G) the fol-
12 lowing:

13 “(H) ADVANCE PAYMENT AND REIM-
14 BURSEMENT OF COSTS.—The Administrator,
15 acting through the Program Office, may enter
16 into an agreement with a non-Federal sponsor
17 to carry out a project under this paragraph
18 under which the non-Federal sponsor may, as
19 appropriate—

20 “(i) pay in advance the non-Federal
21 share of the cost of the project; and

22 “(ii) receive from the Administrator
23 reimbursement for amounts (other than
24 the non-Federal share) expended by the
25 non-Federal sponsor for the project.”.

1 **TITLE IV—CLEAN WATER**
2 **AUTHORITY**

3 **SEC. 401. DEFINITION OF WATERS OF THE UNITED STATES.**

4 Section 502 of the Federal Water Pollution Control
5 Act (33 U.S.C. 1362) is amended—

6 (1) by striking paragraph (7);

7 (2) by redesignating paragraphs (8) through
8 (23) as paragraphs (7) through (22), respectively;
9 and

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

11 “(23) WATERS OF THE UNITED STATES.—The
12 term ‘waters of the United States’ means all waters
13 subject to the ebb and flow of the tide, the territorial
14 seas, and all interstate and intrastate waters and
15 their tributaries, including lakes, rivers, streams (in-
16 cluding intermittent streams), mudflats, sandflats,
17 wetlands, sloughs, prairie potholes, wet meadows,
18 playa lakes, natural ponds, and all impoundments of
19 the foregoing, to the fullest extent that these waters,
20 or activities affecting these waters, are subject to the
21 legislative power of Congress under the Constitu-
22 tion.”.

23 **SEC. 402. CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.**

24 The Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C.
25 1251 et seq.) is amended—

1 (1) by striking “navigable waters of the United
2 States” each place it appears and inserting “waters
3 of the United States”;

4 (2) in section 304(l)(1) by striking “NAVIGABLE
5 WATERS” in the heading and inserting “WATERS OF
6 THE UNITED STATES”; and

7 (3) by striking “navigable waters” each place it
8 appears and inserting “waters of the United
9 States”.

10 **TITLE V—TOXIC SUBSTANCES**

11 **SEC. 501. MERCURY REDUCTION GRANTS.**

12 Section 118(c) of the Federal Water Pollution Con-
13 trol Act (33 U.S.C. 1268(c)) is amended by adding at the
14 end the following:

15 “(14) MERCURY REDUCTION GRANTS.—

16 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Program Office
17 shall provide grants to Great Lakes States and
18 Indian tribes in Great Lakes States to carry
19 out projects to reduce the quantity of mercury
20 in the Great Lakes.

21 “(B) APPLICATION.—Each Great Lake
22 State or Indian tribe that seeks a grant under
23 this paragraph shall submit an application to
24 the Program Office at such time, in such man-

1 ner, and accompanied by or containing any in-
2 formation that the Program Office may require.

3 “(C) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIA-
4 TIONS.—There is authorized to be appropriated
5 to carry out this paragraph \$10,000,000 for
6 each of fiscal years 2008 through 2012.”.

7 **TITLE VI—INDICATORS AND**
8 **INFORMATION**

9 **Subtitle A—Research Program**

10 **SEC. 601. RESEARCH REAUTHORIZATIONS.**

11 Section 118 of the Federal Water Pollution Control
12 Act (33 U.S.C. 1268) is amended by—

13 (1) in subsection (d) by striking paragraph (2)
14 and redesignating paragraphs (3) through (7) as
15 paragraphs (2) through (6), respectively.

16 (2) by striking subsection (e) and inserting the
17 following:

18 “(e) RESEARCH AND MANAGEMENT COORDINA-
19 TION.—

20 “(1) JOINT PLAN.—

21 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than Sep-
22 tember 30 of each year, the Program Office,
23 the Research Office, and the Great Lakes
24 Science Center shall prepare and submit to the
25 Executive Committee of the Regional Collabora-

1 tion a joint research plan for the fiscal year
2 that begins in the following calendar year.

3 “(B) COLLABORATION.—The Program Of-
4 fice, the Research Office, and the Great Lakes
5 Science Center shall consult with other appro-
6 priate Federal agencies, academic institutions,
7 State agencies, and other groups conducting
8 Great Lakes research and monitoring when pre-
9 paring its joint research plan.

10 “(C) SUBMISSION TO CONGRESS.—The
11 President shall include the plan described in
12 subparagraph (A) in the annual budget of the
13 United States Government submitted to Con-
14 gress by the President.

15 “(2) CONTENTS OF PLAN.—Each plan prepared
16 under paragraph (1) shall—

17 “(A) identify all proposed research dedi-
18 cated to activities carried out under the Great
19 Lakes Water Quality Agreement and any other
20 applicable agreements and amendments;

21 “(B) include the assessment of the Re-
22 gional Collaboration of priorities for research
23 needed to fulfill the terms of those agreements;
24 and

1 “(C) identify all proposed research that
2 may be used to develop a comprehensive envi-
3 ronmental database for the Great Lakes System
4 and establish priorities for development of the
5 database.”.

6 **SEC. 602. GREAT LAKES ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH LAB-**
7 **ORATORY.**

8 Section 118 of the Federal Water Pollution Control
9 Act (33 U.S.C. 1268) is amended—

10 (1) in subsection (d)(6) by striking “priority
11 issues” and all that follows and inserting “are con-
12 sistent with the joint research plan”; and

13 (2) by striking subsection (h) and inserting the
14 following:

15 “(h) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
16 is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
17 \$55,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2008 through 2012,
18 of which, for each fiscal year—

19 “(1) \$40,000,000 shall be made available to the
20 program Office; and

21 “(2) \$15,000,000 shall be made available to the
22 Great Lakes Environmental Research Laboratory.”.

23 **SEC. 603. GREAT LAKES SCIENCE CENTER.**

24 There is authorized to be appropriated to the Direc-
25 tor of the United States Geological Survey, for use by the

1 Great Lakes Science Center, to carry out research activi-
2 ties that advance scientific knowledge and provide sci-
3 entific information for restoring, enhancing, managing,
4 and protecting the living marine resources and habitats
5 in the Great Lakes basin ecosystem \$25,000,000 for each
6 of fiscal years 2008 through 2012.

7 **SEC. 604. CENTER FOR SPONSORED COASTAL OCEAN RE-**
8 **SEARCH.**

9 There is authorized to be appropriated to the Direc-
10 tor of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administra-
11 tion's Center for Sponsored Coastal Ocean Research, for
12 use by the Center, to carry out a program to award grants
13 to academic institutions, State agencies, and other appro-
14 priate groups to carry out activities consistent with the
15 Joint Research Plan developed under subsection (e) of sec-
16 tion 1268 of title 33, United States Code, that advances
17 scientific knowledge and provides scientific information for
18 restoring, enhancing, managing, and protecting the living
19 marine resources and habitats in the Great Lakes basin
20 ecosystem \$25,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2008
21 through 2012.

22 **Subtitle B—Ocean and Coastal**
23 **Observation System**

24 **SEC. 611. DEFINITIONS.**

25 In this Act:

1 (1) COUNCIL.—The term “Council” means the
2 National Ocean Research Leadership Council.

3 (2) GREAT LAKE.—The term “Great Lake”
4 means—

5 (A) Lake Erie;

6 (B) Lake Huron (including Lake Saint
7 Clair);

8 (C) Lake Michigan;

9 (D) Lake Ontario;

10 (E) Lake Superior; and

11 (F) the connecting channels of those
12 Lakes, including—

13 (i) the Saint Mary’s River;

14 (ii) the Saint Clair River;

15 (iii) the Detroit River;

16 (iv) the Niagara River; and

17 (v) the Saint Lawrence River to the
18 Canadian border.

19 (3) OBSERVING SYSTEM.—The term “observing
20 system” means the integrated coastal, ocean, and
21 Great Lakes observing system to be established by
22 the Committee under section 612(a).

23 (4) INTERAGENCY PROGRAM OFFICE.—The
24 term “interagency program office” means the office
25 established under section 612(d).

1 **SEC. 612. INTEGRATED OCEAN AND COASTAL OBSERVING**
2 **SYSTEM.**

3 (a) **ESTABLISHMENT.**—

4 (1) **IN GENERAL.**—The President, acting
5 through the Council, shall establish and maintain an
6 integrated system of ocean and coastal observations,
7 data communication and management, analysis,
8 modeling, research, education, and outreach de-
9 signed to provide data and information for the time-
10 ly detection and prediction of changes occurring in
11 the ocean, coastal, and Great Lakes environment
12 that impact the social, economic, and ecological sys-
13 tems of the United States.

14 (2) **PURPOSES.**—The observing system shall
15 provide for long-term, continuous, and quality-con-
16 trolled observations of the coasts, oceans, and Great
17 Lakes so as to—

18 (A) improve the health of the coasts,
19 oceans, and Great Lakes of the United States;

20 (B) protect human lives and livelihoods
21 from hazards, including tsunamis, hurricanes,
22 coastal erosion, and fluctuating Great Lakes
23 water levels;

24 (C) understand the effects of human activi-
25 ties and natural variability on the state of the

1 coasts, oceans, and Great Lakes and the socio-
2 economic well-being of the United States;

3 (D) provide for the sustainable use, protec-
4 tion, and enjoyment of ocean, coastal, and
5 Great Lakes resources;

6 (E) provide information that can support
7 the eventual implementation and refinement of
8 ecosystem-based management;

9 (F) supply critical information to marine-
10 related businesses, including aquaculture and
11 fisheries; and

12 (G) support research and development to—

13 (i) ensure continuous improvement to
14 ocean, coastal, and Great Lakes observa-
15 tion measurements; and

16 (ii) enhance understanding of the
17 ocean, coastal, and Great Lakes resources
18 of the United States.

19 (b) SYSTEM ELEMENTS.—To carry out the purposes
20 of this subtitle, the observing system shall consist of—

21 (1) a national program to fulfill national obser-
22 vation priorities, including the ocean contribution of
23 the United States to the Global Earth Observation
24 System of Systems and the Global Ocean Observing
25 System;

1 (2) a network of regional associations to man-
2 age the regional ocean and coastal observing and in-
3 formation programs that collect, measure, and dis-
4 seminate data and information products to meet re-
5 gional needs;

6 (3) a data management and dissemination sys-
7 tem for the timely integration and dissemination of
8 data and information products from the national
9 and regional systems;

10 (4) a research and development program con-
11 ducted under the guidance of the Council; and

12 (5) an outreach, education, and training pro-
13 gram that augments existing programs, including
14 the National Sea Grant College Program, the Cen-
15 ters for Ocean Sciences Education Excellence pro-
16 gram, and the National Estuarine Research Reserve
17 System, to ensure the use of the data and informa-
18 tion for—

19 (A) improving public education and aware-
20 ness of the oceans of the United States; and

21 (B) building the technical expertise re-
22 quired to operate and improve the observing
23 system.

24 (c) COUNCIL FUNCTIONS.—In carrying out this sec-
25 tion, the Council shall—

1 (1) serve as the oversight body for the design
2 and implementation of all aspects of the observing
3 system;

4 (2) adopt plans, budgets, and standards that
5 are developed and maintained by the interagency
6 program office in consultation with the regional as-
7 sociations;

8 (3) coordinate the observing system with other
9 earth observing activities, including the Global
10 Ocean Observing System and the Global Earth Ob-
11 serving System of Systems;

12 (4) coordinate and administer programs of re-
13 search, development, education, and outreach to—

14 (A) support improvements to, and the op-
15 eration of, an integrated ocean and coastal ob-
16 serving system; and

17 (B) advance the understanding of the
18 oceans;

19 (5) establish pilot projects to develop technology
20 and methods for advancing the development of the
21 observing system;

22 (6) provide, as appropriate, support for and
23 representation on United States delegations to inter-
24 national meetings on ocean and coastal observing
25 programs; and

1 (7) in consultation with the Secretary of State,
2 coordinate relevant Federal activities with those of
3 other nations.

4 (d) INTERAGENCY PROGRAM OFFICE.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Council shall establish
6 an interagency program office to be known as “Oce-
7 anUS”.

8 (2) RESPONSIBILITIES.—The interagency pro-
9 gram office shall be responsible for program plan-
10 ning and coordination of the observing system.

11 (3) REQUIREMENTS.—The interagency program
12 office shall—

13 (A) prepare annual and long-term plans
14 for consideration by the Council for the design
15 and implementation of the observing system
16 that promote collaboration among Federal
17 agencies and regional associations in developing
18 the global and national observing systems, in-
19 cluding identification and refinement of a core
20 set of variables to be measured by all systems;

21 (B) coordinate the development of agency
22 priorities and budgets for implementation of the
23 observing system, including budgets for the re-
24 gional associations;

1 (C) establish and refine standards and pro-
2 tocols for data management and communica-
3 tions, including quality standards, in consulta-
4 tion with participating Federal agencies and re-
5 gional associations;

6 (D) develop a process for the certification
7 and periodic review and recertification of the re-
8 gional associations;

9 (E) establish an external technical com-
10 mittee to provide biennial review of the observ-
11 ing system; and

12 (F) provide for opportunities to partner or
13 contract with private sector companies in de-
14 ploying ocean observation system elements.

15 (e) LEAD FEDERAL AGENCY.—

16 (1) IN GENERAL.—The National Oceanic and
17 Atmospheric Administration shall be the lead Fed-
18 eral agency for implementation and operation of the
19 observing system.

20 (2) REQUIREMENTS.—Based on the plans pre-
21 pared by the interagency program office and adopted
22 by the Council, the Administrator of the National
23 Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration shall—

24 (A) coordinate implementation, operation,
25 and improvement of the observing system;

1 (B) establish efficient and effective admin-
2 istrative procedures for allocation of funds
3 among Federal agencies and regional associa-
4 tions in a timely manner and according to the
5 budget adopted by the Council;

6 (C) implement and maintain appropriate
7 elements of the observing system;

8 (D) provide for the migration of scientific
9 and technological advances from research and
10 development to operational deployment;

11 (E) integrate and extend existing programs
12 and pilot projects into the operational observa-
13 tion system;

14 (F) certify regional associations that meet
15 the requirements of subsection (f); and

16 (G) integrate the capabilities of the Na-
17 tional Coastal Data Development Center and
18 the Coastal Services Center of the National
19 Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and
20 other appropriate centers, into the observing
21 system to assimilate, manage, disseminate, and
22 archive data from regional observation systems
23 and other observation systems.

24 (f) REGIONAL ASSOCIATIONS OF OCEAN AND COAST-
25 AL OBSERVING SYSTEMS.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator of the
2 National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
3 may certify 1 or more regional associations to be re-
4 sponsible for the development and operation of re-
5 gional ocean and coastal observing systems to meet
6 the information needs of user groups in the region
7 while adhering to national standards.

8 (2) REQUIREMENTS.—To be certifiable by the
9 Administrator, a regional association shall—

10 (A) demonstrate an organizational struc-
11 ture capable of supporting and integrating all
12 aspects of ocean and coastal observing and in-
13 formation programs within a region;

14 (B) operate under a strategic operations
15 and business plan that details the operation and
16 support of regional ocean and coastal observing
17 systems in accordance with the standards estab-
18 lished by the Council;

19 (C) provide information products for mul-
20 tiple users in the region;

21 (D) work with governmental entities and
22 programs at all levels within the region to pro-
23 vide timely warnings and outreach to protect
24 the public; and

1 (E) meet certification standards developed
2 by the interagency program office in conjunc-
3 tion with the regional associations and approved
4 by the Council.

5 (g) PROHIBITION ON LOBBYING.—Nothing in this
6 Act authorizes a regional association to engage in lobbying
7 activities (as defined in section 3 of the Lobbying Dislo-
8 sure Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1602)).

9 (h) CIVIL LIABILITY.—For purposes of section
10 1346(b)(1) and chapter 171 of title 28, United States
11 Code, the Suits in Admiralty Act (46 U.S.C. App. 741
12 et seq.), and the Public Vessels Act (46 U.S.C. App. 781
13 et seq.)—

14 (1) any regional ocean and coastal observing
15 system that is a designated part of a regional asso-
16 ciation certified under this section shall, in carrying
17 out the purposes of this Act, be considered to be
18 part of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Ad-
19 ministration; and

20 (2) any employee of that system, while acting
21 within the scope of the employment of the employee,
22 carrying out those purposes, shall be considered to
23 be an employee of the Government.

1 **SEC. 613. RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, AND EDUCATION.**

2 The Council shall establish programs for research,
3 development, education, and outreach for the ocean and
4 coastal observing system, including projects under the Na-
5 tional Oceanographic Partnership Program, consisting
6 of—

7 (1) basic research to advance knowledge of
8 ocean and coastal systems and ensure continued im-
9 provement of operational products, including related
10 infrastructure and observing technology;

11 (2) focused research projects to improve under-
12 standing of the relationship between the coasts and
13 oceans and human activities;

14 (3) large-scale computing resources and re-
15 search to advance modeling of ocean and coastal
16 processes; and

17 (4) a coordinated effort to build public edu-
18 cation and awareness of the ocean and coastal envi-
19 ronment and functions that integrates ongoing ac-
20 tivities, including the National Sea Grant College
21 Program, the Centers for Ocean Sciences Education
22 Excellence, and the National Estuarine Research
23 Reserve System.

24 **SEC. 614. INTERAGENCY FINANCING.**

25 (a) IN GENERAL.—The departments and agencies
26 represented on the Council may participate in interagency

1 financing and share, transfer, receive, obligate, and ex-
2 pend funds appropriated to any member of the Council
3 to carry out any administrative or programmatic project
4 or activity under this Act or under the National Oceano-
5 graphic Partnership Program, including support for the
6 interagency program office, a common infrastructure, and
7 system integration for a ocean and coastal observing sys-
8 tem.

9 (b) **TRANSFER OF FUNDS.**—Funds may be trans-
10 ferred among the departments and agencies described in
11 subsection (a) through an appropriate instrument that
12 specifies the goods, services, or space being acquired from
13 another Council member and the costs of the same.

14 **SEC. 615. APPLICATION WITH OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF**
15 **LANDS ACT.**

16 Nothing in this title supersedes or limits the author-
17 ity of the Secretary of the Interior under the Outer Conti-
18 nental Shelf Lands Act (43 U.S.C. 1331 et seq.).

19 **SEC. 616. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

20 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—There is authorized to be appro-
21 priated to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Adminis-
22 tration to carry out the observing system under section
23 612 and the research and development program under sec-
24 tion 613 (including financial assistance to the interagency
25 program office, the regional associations for the implemen-

1 tation of regional ocean and coastal observing systems,
2 and the departments and agencies represented on the
3 Council) \$150,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2008
4 through 2012, to remain available until expended.

5 (b) ALLOCATION OF FUNDS.—At least 50 percent of
6 the funds appropriated to carry out the observing system
7 under section 612 shall be allocated to the regional asso-
8 ciations certified under section 612(f) to carry out regional
9 ocean and coastal observing systems.

10 **SEC. 617. REPORTING REQUIREMENT.**

11 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than March 31, 2010,
12 the President, acting through the Council, shall submit to
13 Congress a report on the programs established under sec-
14 tions 612 and 613.

15 (b) REQUIREMENTS.—The report shall include—

16 (1) a description of activities carried out under
17 the programs;

18 (2) an evaluation of the effectiveness of the pro-
19 grams; and

20 (3) recommendations concerning reauthoriza-
21 tion of the programs and funding levels for the pro-
22 grams in succeeding fiscal years.

1 **Subtitle C—Great Lakes Water**
2 **Quality Indicators and Monitoring**

3 **SEC. 621. GREAT LAKES WATER QUALITY INDICATORS AND**
4 **MONITORING.**

5 Section 118(c)(1) of the Federal Water Pollution
6 Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1268(c)(1)) is amended by strik-
7 ing subparagraph (B) and inserting the following:

8 “(B)(i) not later than 2 years after the
9 date of enactment of this clause, in cooperation
10 with Canada and appropriate Federal agencies
11 (including the United States Geological Survey,
12 the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Admin-
13 istration, and the United States Fish and Wild-
14 life Service), develop and implement a set of
15 science-based indicators of water quality and re-
16 lated environmental factors in the Great Lakes,
17 including, at a minimum, measures of toxic pol-
18 lutants that have accumulated in the Great
19 Lakes for a substantial period of time, as deter-
20 mined by the Program Office;

21 “(ii) not later than 4 years after the date
22 of enactment of this clause—

23 “(I) establish a Federal network for
24 the regular monitoring of, and collection of
25 data throughout, the Great Lakes basin

1 with respect to the indicators described in
2 clause (i); and

3 “(II) collect an initial set of bench-
4 mark data from the network; and

5 “(iii) not later than 2 years after the date
6 of collection of the data described in clause
7 (ii)(II), and biennially thereafter, in addition to
8 the report required under paragraph (10), sub-
9 mit to Congress, and make available to the pub-
10 lic, a report that—

11 “(I) describes the water quality and
12 related environmental factors of the Great
13 Lakes (including any changes in those fac-
14 tors), as determined through the regular
15 monitoring of indicators under clause
16 (ii)(I) for the period covered by the report;
17 and

18 “(II) identifies any emerging problems
19 in the water quality or related environ-
20 mental factors of the Great Lakes;”.

21 **TITLE VII—SUSTAINABLE** 22 **DEVELOPMENT**

23 **SEC. 701. WATERFRONT RESTORATION AND REMEDIATION** 24 **PROJECTS.**

25 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

1 (1) RELATED AREA.—The term “related area”
2 means land—

3 (A) located adjacent to, or in close prox-
4 imity of, a waterfront area; and

5 (B) that impacts or influences a waterfront
6 area or an aquatic habitat.

7 (2) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
8 the Secretary of Commerce, acting through the
9 Under Secretary for Oceans and Atmosphere.

10 (3) WATERFRONT AREA.—The term “water-
11 front area” means a site located adjacent to a lake,
12 river, stream, wetland, or floodplain of the United
13 States.

14 (b) APPLICATION.—An individual or entity that seeks
15 to receive assistance under this section shall submit to the
16 Secretary an application for the assistance in such form,
17 by such time, and containing such information as the Sec-
18 retary may require.

19 (c) JUSTIFICATION AND PURPOSE.—

20 (1) JUSTIFICATION.—The Secretary may pro-
21 vide assistance to eligible recipients in financing a
22 restoration or remediation project only if the Sec-
23 retary finds that the proposed project addresses con-
24 cerns relating to—

25 (A) public health;

- 1 (B) public safety;
2 (C) environmental improvements; or
3 (D) economic improvements.

4 (2) PURPOSE.—An eligible recipient of assist-
5 ance may use assistance made available under this
6 section to complete a restoration or remediation
7 project for the purpose of—

- 8 (A) improving the surrounding ecosystem;
9 or
10 (B) preparing land for redevelopment by
11 Federal, State, or local agencies, or private en-
12 tities.

13 (d) COST SHARING.—

14 (1) GENERAL ASSISTANCE.—

15 (A) IN GENERAL.—Except as otherwise
16 provided in this subsection, the Federal share of
17 the cost of carrying out a restoration or remedi-
18 ation project under this section shall not exceed
19 65 percent, as determined by the Secretary.

20 (B) INNOVATIVE TECHNOLOGY.—The Fed-
21 eral share of the cost of carrying out a restora-
22 tion or remediation project under this section
23 that involves conducting a pilot project to test
24 a demonstration or innovative technology shall

1 not exceed 85 percent, as determined by the
2 Secretary.

3 (2) OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE.—The non-
4 Federal share of operation and maintenance costs
5 for a restoration or remediation project under this
6 section shall be 100 percent.

7 (3) CREDIT FOR WORK-IN-KIND CONSIDER-
8 ATIONS.—In determining the amount of a contribu-
9 tion made by a non-Federal interest under this sec-
10 tion, the non-Federal interest shall receive credit
11 equal to 100 percent of the value of any land, ease-
12 ments, rights-of-way, and relocations, and the rea-
13 sonable cost of services, studies, and supplies, con-
14 tributed toward the non-Federal share of project
15 costs.

16 (4) LIABILITY OF FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.—
17 The eligible recipient shall hold the United States
18 harmless from any claim or damage that may arise
19 from carrying out the restoration or remediation
20 project under this section, except any claim or dam-
21 age that may arise from the negligence of the Fed-
22 eral Government or a contractor of the Federal Gov-
23 ernment.

24 (e) FUNDING LIMITATION PER PROJECT.—Of the
25 funds provided under this section, not more than

1 \$5,000,000 may be allocated for an individual restoration
2 or rehabilitation project.

3 **SEC. 702. AUTHORITY OF SECRETARY TO RESTORE AND RE-**
4 **MEDIATE WATERFRONT AND RELATED**
5 **AREAS.**

6 The Secretary, in consultation with appropriate Fed-
7 eral, State, and local agencies, is authorized to restore and
8 remediate waterfront and related areas, including site
9 characterization, planning, design, construction, and mon-
10 itoring.

11 **SEC. 703. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

12 There is authorized to be appropriated to the Sec-
13 retary to carry out this title \$50,000,000 for fiscal years
14 2008 through 2012.

15 **TITLE VIII—COORDINATION AND**
16 **OVERSIGHT**

17 **SEC. 801. DEFINITIONS.**

18 In this title:

19 (1) **COLLABORATION.**—The term “Collabora-
20 tion” means the Great Lakes Regional Collaboration
21 established by section 804(a).

22 (2) **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.**—The term “Exec-
23 utive Committee” means the Great Lakes Regional
24 Collaboration Executive Committee established by
25 section 803(a).

1 (3) EXECUTIVE ORDER.—The term “Executive
2 Order” means Executive Order 13340 (33 U.S.C.
3 1268 note; relating to establishment of Great Lakes
4 Interagency Task Force and promotion of regional
5 collaboration of national significance for Great
6 Lakes).

7 (4) GREAT LAKE.—The term “Great Lake”
8 means—

9 (A) Lake Erie;

10 (B) Lake Huron (including Lake Saint
11 Clair);

12 (C) Lake Michigan;

13 (D) Lake Ontario;

14 (E) Lake Superior; and

15 (F) the connecting channels of those
16 Lakes, including—

17 (i) the Saint Mary’s River;

18 (ii) the Saint Clair River;

19 (iii) the Detroit River;

20 (iv) the Niagara River; and

21 (v) the Saint Lawrence River to the
22 Canadian border.

23 (5) GREAT LAKES CITY.—The term “Great
24 Lakes city” means a city located in the watershed
25 basin of a Great Lake.

1 (6) GREAT LAKES TRIBE.—The term “Great
2 Lakes Tribe” means any Indian tribe, band, village,
3 nation, or other organized group or community in
4 the watershed basin of a Great Lake that is recog-
5 nized by the Bureau of Indian Affairs as eligible for
6 the special programs and services provided by the
7 United States to Indians because of their status as
8 Indians.

9 (7) SAINT LAWRENCE CITY.—The term “Saint
10 Lawrence city” means a city located in the water-
11 shed basin of the Saint Lawrence River.

12 (8) TASK FORCE.—The term “Task Force”
13 means the Great Lakes Interagency Task Force es-
14 tablished by section 802(a).

15 **SEC. 802. GREAT LAKES INTERAGENCY TASK FORCE.**

16 (a) INTERAGENCY COORDINATION.—The Great
17 Lakes Interagency Task Force, as established by the Ex-
18 ecutive Order for administrative purposes, is established
19 as a task force within the Environmental Protection Agen-
20 cy.

21 (b) DUTIES.—In addition to the duties described in
22 the Executive Order, the Task Force shall—

23 (1) ensure that implementation of programs
24 and projects under the authority of the Task Force
25 members is coordinated, effective, and cost-efficient;

1 (2) work in cooperation with Federal agencies
2 on the development of budgets and financial plans
3 regarding the Great Lakes for inclusion in annual
4 submissions by the President to Congress of the
5 budget of the United States; and

6 (3) submit to Congress a biennial report that
7 describes the projects and activities carried out by
8 the Collaboration during the 2-year period covered
9 by the report, including a description of—

10 (A) any actions that Federal agencies can
11 take to address the biennial restoration goals;

12 (B) Federal expenditures to meet the res-
13 toration goals; and

14 (C) the indicators and monitoring used to
15 determine whether the goals will be met.

16 **SEC. 803. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.**

17 (a) IN GENERAL.—There is established a Great
18 Lakes Regional Collaboration Executive Committee.

19 (b) COMPOSITION.—The Executive Committee shall
20 be composed of—

21 (1) the Chairperson of the Task Force;

22 (2) a representative of the Governors of the
23 Great Lakes States, as agreed upon by the Gov-
24 ernors;

1 (3) a representative of the Great Lakes cities
2 and Saint Lawrence cities, as agreed upon by the
3 majority of mayors of those cities; and

4 (4) a designated representative for the Great
5 Lakes Tribes, as agreed upon by those Tribes.

6 (c) DUTIES.—The Executive Committee shall—

7 (1) hold semiannual meetings to discuss Great
8 Lakes restoration goals and progress;

9 (2) establish a process to receive input from in-
10 terested parties with respect to proposed rec-
11 ommendations of the Executive Committee for res-
12 toration of the Great Lakes; and

13 (3) submit to Congress and the Task Force a
14 biennial report that includes—

15 (A) an analysis of progress in carrying out
16 restoration of the Great Lakes, including meet-
17 ing the goals and recommendations in the res-
18 toration and protection strategy developed by
19 the Great Lakes Regional Collaboration and
20 this Act; and

21 (B) recommendations on future priorities
22 and actions with respect to that restoration.

23 (d) SUBCOMMITTEES.—The members of the Execu-
24 tive Committee may designate representatives to work as
25 1 or more subcommittees to provide staff support and oth-

1 erwise assist in carrying out responsibilities of the Execu-
2 tive Committee relating to the Collaboration.

3 **SEC. 804. GREAT LAKES REGIONAL COLLABORATION.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—There is established the Great
5 Lakes Regional Collaboration.

6 (b) COMPOSITION.—The Collaboration shall be com-
7 posed of—

8 (1) the members of the Executive Committee;
9 and

10 (2) each other individual and entity that noti-
11 fies the Executive Committee of the desire and in-
12 tent of the individual or entity to participate in the
13 Collaboration.

14 (c) DUTIES.—The Collaboration shall—

15 (1) develop a restoration and protection strat-
16 egy to provide information for use in future Great
17 Lakes program implementation and funding deci-
18 sions;

19 (2) serve as a forum for addressing near-term
20 regional issues relating to ecosystem restoration and
21 protection of the Great Lakes; and

22 (3) establish an oversight forum to coordinate
23 and enhance implementation of Great Lakes pro-
24 grams.

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