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Additional sponsors: Mr. JONES, Mr. TANNER, Mr. HASTINGS of Washington, Mr. DUNCAN, Mr. LONGLEY, Mr. HAMILTON, Mr. SAXTON, Mr. DICKEY, and Mr. ALLARD

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To amend the National Wildlife Refuge System Administra-

tion Act of 1966 to improve the management of the National Wildlife Refuge System, 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; REFERENCES.**

4 (a) *SHORT TITLE.*—*This Act may be cited as the “Na-*
5 *tional Wildlife Refuge Improvement Act of 1995”.*

6 (b) *REFERENCES.*—*Whenever in this Act an amend-*
7 *ment or repeal is expressed in terms of an amendment to,*
8 *or repeal of, a section or other provision, the reference shall*
9 *be considered to be made to a section or provision of the*
10 *National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of*
11 *1966 (16 U.S.C. 668dd et seq.).*

12 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

13 (a) *IN GENERAL.*—*Section 5 (16 U.S.C. 668ee) is*
14 *amended to read as follows:*

15 **“SEC. 5. DEFINITIONS.**

16 *“For purposes of this Act:*

17 *“(1) The term ‘compatible use’ means a use that*
18 *will not materially interfere with or detract from the*
19 *fulfillment of the purposes of a refuge or the purposes*
20 *of the System specified in section 4(a)(3), as deter-*
21 *mined by sound resource management, and based on*
22 *reliable scientific information.*

23 *“(2) The terms ‘conserving’, ‘conservation’, ‘man-*
24 *age’, ‘managing’, and ‘management’, when used with*

1 *respect to fish and wildlife, mean to use, in accord-*
2 *ance with applicable Federal and State laws, methods*
3 *and procedures associated with modern scientific re-*
4 *source programs including protection, research, cen-*
5 *sus, law enforcement, habitat management, propaga-*
6 *tion, live trapping and transplantation, and regu-*
7 *lated taking.*

8 *“(3) The term ‘Coordination Area’ means a*
9 *wildlife management area that has been previously*
10 *acquired by the Federal Government and subsequently*
11 *made available to a State—*

12 *“(A) by cooperative agreement between the*
13 *United States Fish and Wildlife Service and the*
14 *State; or*

15 *“(B) is acquired by the Federal Government*
16 *and subsequently made available to a State—*

17 *“(i) by cooperative agreement between*
18 *the United States Fish and Wildlife Service*
19 *and the State fish and game agency pursu-*
20 *ant to the Fish and Wildlife Coordination*
21 *Act (16 U.S.C. 661–666c); or*

22 *“(ii) by long-term leases or agreements*
23 *pursuant to the Bankhead-Jones Farm Ten-*
24 *ant Act (50 Stat. 525; 7 U.S.C. 1010 et*
25 *seq.).*

1 “(4) The term ‘Director’ means the Director of
2 the United States Fish and Wildlife Service.

3 “(5) The terms ‘fish’, ‘wildlife’, and ‘fish and
4 wildlife’ mean any wild member of the animal king-
5 dom whether alive or dead, and regardless of whether
6 the member was bred, hatched, or born in captivity,
7 including a part, product, egg, or offspring of the
8 member.

9 “(6) The term ‘person’ means any individual,
10 partnership, corporation or association.

11 “(7) The term ‘plant’ means any member of the
12 plant kingdom in a wild, unconfined state, including
13 any plant community, seed, root, or other part of a
14 plant.

15 “(8) The terms ‘purposes of the refuge’ and ‘pur-
16 poses of each refuge’ mean the purposes and uses spec-
17 ified or authorized in or derived from the law, procla-
18 mation, executive order, agreement, public land order,
19 donation document, or administrative memorandum
20 establishing, authorizing, or expanding a refuge, ref-
21 uge unit, or refuge subunit.

22 “(9) The term ‘refuge’ means a designated area
23 of land, water, or an interest in land or water within
24 the System, but does not include navigational ser-
25 vitudes, or Coordination Areas.

1 “(10) The term ‘Secretary’ means the Secretary
2 of the Interior.

3 “(11) The terms ‘State’ and ‘United States’
4 mean the several States of the United States, Puerto
5 Rico, American Samoa, the Virgin Islands, Guam,
6 and the insular possessions of the United States.

7 “(12) The term ‘System’ means the National
8 Wildlife Refuge System designated under section
9 4(a)(1).

10 “(13) The terms ‘take’, ‘taking’, or ‘taken’ mean
11 to pursue, hunt, shoot, capture, collect, or kill, or to
12 attempt to pursue, hunt, shoot, capture, collect, or
13 kill.”.

14 (b) *CONFORMING AMENDMENT.*—Section 4 (16 U.S.C.
15 668dd) is amended by striking “Secretary of the Interior”
16 each place it appears and inserting “Secretary”.

17 **SEC. 3. MISSION AND PURPOSES OF THE SYSTEM.**

18 Section 4(a) (16 U.S.C. 668dd(a)) is amended—

19 (1) by redesignating paragraphs (2) and (3) as
20 paragraphs (5) and (6), respectively;

21 (2) in clause (i) of paragraph (6) (as so redesign-
22 ated), by striking “paragraph (2)” and inserting
23 “paragraph (5)”; and

24 (3) by inserting after paragraph (1) the follow-
25 ing new paragraphs:

1 “(2) *The overall mission of the System is to conserve*
2 *and manage fish, wildlife, and plants and their habitats*
3 *within the System for the benefit of present and future gen-*
4 *erations of the people of the United States.*

5 “(3) *The purposes of the System are—*

6 “(A) *to provide a national network of lands and*
7 *waters designed to conserve and manage fish, wildlife,*
8 *and plants and their habitats;*

9 “(B) *to conserve, manage, and where appro-*
10 *priate restore fish and wildlife populations, plant*
11 *communities, and refuge habitats within the System;*

12 “(C) *to conserve and manage migratory birds,*
13 *anadromous or interjurisdictional fish species, and*
14 *marine mammals within the System;*

15 “(D) *to provide opportunities for compatible*
16 *fish- and wildlife-dependent recreation, including*
17 *fishing and hunting, wildlife observation, and envi-*
18 *ronmental education;*

19 “(E) *to preserve, restore, and recover fish, wild-*
20 *life, and plants within the System that are listed or*
21 *are candidates for threatened species or endangered*
22 *species under section 4 of the Endangered Species Act*
23 *of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1533) and the habitats on which*
24 *these species depend; and*

1 “(F) to fulfill as appropriate international trea-
2 ty obligations of the United States with respect to
3 fish, wildlife, and plants, and their habitats.”.

4 **SEC. 4. ADMINISTRATION OF THE SYSTEM.**

5 (a) ADMINISTRATION, GENERALLY.—Section 4(a) (16
6 U.S.C. 668dd(a)) (as amended by section 3 of this Act) is
7 further amended by inserting after new paragraph (3) the
8 following new paragraph:

9 “(4) In administering the System, the Secretary
10 shall—

11 “(A) ensure that the mission and purposes of the
12 System described in paragraphs (2) and (3), respec-
13 tively, and the purposes of each refuge are carried
14 out, except that if a conflict exists between the pur-
15 poses of a refuge and any purpose of the System, the
16 conflict shall be resolved in a manner that first pro-
17 tects the purposes of the refuge, and, to the extent
18 practicable, that also achieves the purposes of the
19 System;

20 “(B) provide for conservation of fish and wildlife
21 and their habitats within the System;

22 “(C) ensure effective coordination, interaction,
23 and cooperation with owners of land adjoining ref-
24 uges and the fish and wildlife agency of the States in
25 which the units of the System are located;

1 “(D) assist in the maintenance of adequate water
2 quantity and water quality to fulfill the purposes of
3 the System and the purposes of each refuge;

4 “(E) acquire under State law through purchase,
5 exchange, or donation water rights that are needed for
6 refuge purposes; and

7 “(F) plan, propose, and direct appropriate ex-
8 pansion of the System in the manner that is best de-
9 signed to accomplish the purposes of the System and
10 the purposes of each refuge and to complement efforts
11 of States and other Federal agencies to conserve fish
12 and wildlife and their habitats.”.

13 (b) *POWERS*.—Section 4(b) (16 U.S.C. 668dd(b)) is
14 amended—

15 (1) in the matter preceding paragraph (1) by
16 striking “authorized—” and inserting “authorized to
17 take the following actions:”;

18 (2) in paragraph (1) by striking “to enter” and
19 inserting “Enter”;

20 (3) in paragraph (2)—

21 (A) by striking “to accept” and inserting
22 “Accept”; and

23 (B) by striking “, and” and inserting a pe-
24 riod;

1 (4) in paragraph (3) by striking “to acquire”
2 and inserting “Acquire”; and

3 (5) by adding at the end the following new para-
4 graph:

5 “(4) Subject to standards established by and the
6 overall management oversight of the Director, enter
7 into cooperative agreements with State fish and wild-
8 life agencies and other entities for the management of
9 programs on, or parts of, a refuge.”.

10 **SEC. 5. COMPATIBILITY STANDARDS AND PROCEDURES.**

11 Section 4(d) (16 U.S.C. 668dd(d)) is amended by add-
12 ing at the end the following new paragraph:

13 “(3)(A)(i) Except as provided in clause (ii), on
14 and after the date that is 3 years after the date of the
15 enactment of the National Wildlife Refuge Improve-
16 ment Act of 1995, the Secretary shall not initiate or
17 permit a new use of a refuge or expand, renew, or ex-
18 tend an existing use of a refuge, unless the Secretary
19 has determined that the use is compatible with the
20 purposes of the refuge and the purposes of the System
21 specified in subsection (a)(3).

22 “(ii) On lands added to the System after the date
23 of the enactment of the National Wildlife Refuge Im-
24 provement Act of 1995, any existing fish or wildlife-
25 dependent use of a refuge, including fishing, hunting,

1 *wildlife observation, and environmental education,*
2 *shall be permitted to continue on an interim basis*
3 *unless the Secretary determines that the use is not*
4 *compatible with the purposes of the refuge or with the*
5 *purposes of the System specified in subsection (a)(3),*
6 *or is otherwise inconsistent with this Act.*

7 *“(iii) The Secretary shall permit fishing and*
8 *hunting on a refuge if the Secretary determines that*
9 *the activities are consistent with the principles of*
10 *sound fish and wildlife management, are compatible*
11 *with the purposes of the refuge and the purposes of the*
12 *System specified in subsection (a)(3), and are consist-*
13 *ent with public safety. No other determinations or*
14 *findings, except the determination of consistency with*
15 *State laws and regulations provided for in subsection*
16 *(m), are required to be made for fishing and hunting*
17 *to occur. The Secretary may make the determination*
18 *referred to in this paragraph for a refuge concur-*
19 *rently with the development of a conservation plan for*
20 *the refuge under subsection (e).*

21 *“(B) Not later than 24 months after the date of*
22 *the enactment of the National Wildlife Refuge Im-*
23 *provement Act of 1995, the Secretary shall issue final*
24 *regulations establishing the process for determining a*
25 *compatible use under subparagraph (A) that—*

1 “(i) designate the refuge officer responsible
2 for making initial compatibility determinations;

3 “(ii) require an estimate of the timeframe,
4 location, manner, and purpose of each use;

5 “(iii) identify the effects of each use on ref-
6 uge resources and purposes of each refuge;

7 “(iv) require that compatibility determina-
8 tions be made in writing and consider the best
9 professional judgment of the refuge officer des-
10 igned under clause (i);

11 “(v) provide for the expedited consideration
12 of uses that will likely have no detrimental effect
13 on the fulfillment of the purposes of a refuge or
14 the purposes of the System specified in subsection
15 (a)(3);

16 “(vi) provide for the elimination or modi-
17 fication of any use as expeditiously as prac-
18 ticable after a determination is made that the
19 use is not compatible;

20 “(vii) require, after an opportunity for pub-
21 lic comment, reevaluation of each existing use,
22 other than those uses specified in clause (viii),
23 when conditions under which the use is per-
24 mitted change significantly or when there is sig-
25 nificant new information regarding the effects of

1 *the use, but not less frequently than once every*
2 *4 years, to ensure that the use remains compat-*
3 *ible with the purposes of the refuge and the pur-*
4 *poses of the System specified in subsection (a)(3);*

5 *“(viii) require after an opportunity for pub-*
6 *lic comment reevaluation of each fish and wild-*
7 *life-dependent recreational use when conditions*
8 *under which the use is permitted change signifi-*
9 *cantly or when there is significant new informa-*
10 *tion regarding the effects of the use, but not less*
11 *frequently than in conjunction with each prepa-*
12 *ration or revision of a conservation plan under*
13 *subsection (e) or at least every 15 years;*

14 *“(ix) provide an opportunity for public re-*
15 *view and comment on each evaluation of a use,*
16 *unless an opportunity for public review and*
17 *comment on the evaluation of the use has already*
18 *been provided during the development or revision*
19 *of a conservation plan for the refuge under sub-*
20 *section (e) or has otherwise been provided during*
21 *routine, periodic determinations of compatibility*
22 *for fish- and wildlife-dependent recreational uses;*
23 *and*

24 *“(x) provide that when managed in accord-*
25 *ance with principles of sound fish and wildlife*

1 *management, fishing and hunting in a refuge*
2 *are generally compatible with the conservation of*
3 *fish and wildlife and plants and their habitats*
4 *and with the purposes of the refuge and the pur-*
5 *poses of the System.*

6 “(4) *The provisions of this Act relating to deter-*
7 *minations of the compatibility of a use shall not*
8 *apply to—*

9 “(A) *overflights within the airspace of a ref-*
10 *uge, except as otherwise provided by law or a*
11 *memorandum of understanding with the Sec-*
12 *retary; and*

13 “(B) *activities authorized, funded, or con-*
14 *ducted by a Federal agency (other than the Unit-*
15 *ed States Fish and Wildlife Service) which has*
16 *primary jurisdiction over the refuge or a portion*
17 *of the refuge, if the management of those activi-*
18 *ties is in accordance with a memorandum of un-*
19 *derstanding between the Secretary or the Direc-*
20 *tor and the head of the Federal agency with pri-*
21 *mary jurisdiction over the refuge governing the*
22 *use of the refuge.”.*

23 **SEC. 6. REFUGE CONSERVATION PLANNING PROGRAM.**

24 (a) *IN GENERAL.*—Section 4 (16 U.S.C. 668dd) is
25 *amended—*

1 (1) by redesignating subsections (e) through (i)
2 as subsections (f) through (j), respectively; and

3 (2) by inserting after subsection (d) the following
4 new subsection:

5 “(e)(1)(A) Except with respect to refuge lands in Alas-
6 ka (which shall be governed by the refuge planning provi-
7 sions of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation
8 Act (16 U.S.C. 3101 et seq.)), the Secretary shall—

9 “(i) propose a comprehensive conservation plan
10 for each refuge or related complex of refuges (referred
11 to in this subsection as a ‘planning unit’) in the Sys-
12 tem;

13 “(ii) publish a notice of opportunity for public
14 comment in the Federal Register on each proposed
15 conservation plan;

16 “(iii) issue a final conservation plan for each
17 planning unit consistent with the provisions of this
18 Act and, to the extent practicable, consistent with fish
19 and wildlife conservation plans of the State in which
20 the refuge is located; and

21 “(iv) not less frequently than 15 years after the
22 date of issuance of a conservation plan under clause
23 (iii) and every 15 years thereafter, revise the con-
24 servation plan as may be necessary.

1 “(B) The Secretary shall prepare a comprehensive con-
2 servation plan under this subsection for each refuge within
3 15 years after the date of enactment of the National Wildlife
4 Refuge Improvement Act of 1995.

5 “(C) The Secretary shall manage each refuge or plan-
6 ning unit under plans in effect on the date of enactment
7 of the National Wildlife Refuge Improvement Act of 1995,
8 to the extent such plans are consistent with this Act, until
9 such plans are revised or superseded by new comprehensive
10 conservation plans issued under this subsection.

11 “(D) Uses or activities consistent with this Act may
12 occur on any refuge or planning unit before existing plans
13 are revised or new comprehensive conservation plans are
14 issued under this subsection.

15 “(E) Upon completion of a comprehensive conservation
16 plan under this subsection for a refuge or planning unit,
17 the Secretary shall manage the refuge or planning unit in
18 a manner consistent with the plan and shall revise the plan
19 at any time if the Secretary determines that conditions that
20 affect the refuge or planning unit have changed signifi-
21 cantly.

22 “(2) In developing each comprehensive conservation
23 plan under this subsection for a planning unit, the Sec-
24 retary, acting through the Director, shall identify and de-
25 scribe—

1 “(A) the purposes of each refuge comprising the
2 planning unit and the purposes of the System appli-
3 cable to those refuges;

4 “(B) the distribution, migration patterns, and
5 abundance of fish, wildlife, and plant populations
6 and related habitats within the planning unit;

7 “(C) the archaeological and cultural values of the
8 planning unit;

9 “(D) such areas within the planning unit that
10 are suitable for use as administrative sites or visitor
11 facilities;

12 “(E) significant problems that may adversely af-
13 fect the populations and habitats of fish, wildlife, and
14 plants within the planning unit and the actions nec-
15 essary to correct or mitigate such problems consistent
16 with the purposes of each refuge comprising the plan-
17 ning unit; and

18 “(F) the opportunities for fish- and wildlife-de-
19 pendent recreation, including fishing and hunting,
20 wildlife observation, environmental education, inter-
21 pretation of the resources and values of the planning
22 unit, and other uses that may contribute to refuge
23 management.

24 “(3) In preparing each comprehensive conservation
25 plan under this subsection, and any revision to such a plan,

1 *the Secretary, acting through the Director, shall, to the*
2 *maximum extent practicable and consistent with this Act—*

3 *“(A) consult with adjoining Federal, State, local,*
4 *and private landowners and affected State conserva-*
5 *tion agencies; and*

6 *“(B) coordinate the development of the conserva-*
7 *tion plan or revision of the plan with relevant State*
8 *conservation plans for fish and wildlife and their*
9 *habitats.*

10 *“(4)(A) In accordance with subparagraph (B), the Sec-*
11 *retary shall develop and implement a process to ensure an*
12 *opportunity for active public involvement in the prepara-*
13 *tion and revision of comprehensive conservation plans*
14 *under this subsection. At a minimum, the Secretary shall*
15 *require that publication of any final plan shall include a*
16 *summary of the comments made by States, adjacent or po-*
17 *tentially affected landowners, local governments, and any*
18 *other affected parties, together with a statement of the dis-*
19 *position of concerns expressed in those comments.*

20 *“(B) Prior to the adoption of each comprehensive con-*
21 *servation plan under this subsection, the Secretary shall*
22 *issue public notice of the draft proposed plan, make copies*
23 *of the plan available at the affected field and regional offices*
24 *of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, and provide*
25 *opportunity for public comment.”.*

1 **SEC. 7. EMERGENCY POWER; STATE AUTHORITY; WATER**
2 **RIGHTS; COORDINATION.**

3 (a) *IN GENERAL.*—Section 4 (16 U.S.C. 668dd) is fur-
4 ther amended by adding at the end the following new sub-
5 sections:

6 “(k) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act
7 the Secretary may temporarily suspend, allow, or initiate
8 any activity in a refuge in the System in the event of any
9 emergency that constitutes an imminent danger to the
10 health and safety of the public or any fish or wildlife popu-
11 lation.

12 “(l) Nothing in this Act shall be construed to authorize
13 the Secretary to control or regulate hunting or fishing of
14 fish and resident wildlife on lands or waters not within
15 the System.

16 “(m) Nothing in this Act shall be construed as affecting
17 the authority, jurisdiction, or responsibility of the several
18 States to manage, control, or regulate fish and resident
19 wildlife under State law or regulations in any area within
20 the System. Regulations permitting hunting or fishing of
21 fish and resident wildlife within the System shall be, to the
22 extent practicable, consistent with State fish and wildlife
23 laws, regulations, or management plans.

24 “(n)(1) Nothing in this Act shall—

25 “(A) create a reserved water right, express or im-
26 plied, in the United States for any purpose;

1 “(B) affect any water right in existence on the
2 date of enactment of the National Wildlife Refuge Im-
3 provement Act of 1995; or

4 “(C) affect any Federal or State law in existence
5 on the date of the enactment of the National Wildlife
6 Refuge Improvement Act of 1995 this Act regarding
7 water quality or water quantity.

8 “(2) Nothing in this Act shall diminish or affect the
9 ability to join the United States in the adjudication of
10 rights to the use of water pursuant to the McCarran Act
11 (43 U.S.C. 666).

12 “(o) Coordination with State fish and wildlife agency
13 personnel or with personnel of other affected State agencies
14 pursuant to this Act shall not be subject to the Federal Advi-
15 sory Committee Act.

16 “(p) Contracts for leasing land authorized by Public
17 Law 88–567 shall require that lessees comply with an inte-
18 grated pest management (IPM) plan, as that term is de-
19 fined in the Settlement Agreement entered in the litigation
20 entitled Northwest Coalition for Alternatives to Pesticides
21 et al. v. Babbitt, No. 94–6339–TC, United States District
22 Court for the District of Oregon. Contracts for leasing such
23 land shall not be subject to regulations or policies (includ-
24 ing pesticide use proposals) related to the use of chemicals
25 and pest management on lands in the System or lands ad-

1 *ministered by the Department of the Interior, that are more*
2 *restrictive than the requirements of applicable State and*
3 *Federal laws related to the use of chemicals and pest man-*
4 *agement practices on non-Federal lands.”.*

5 (b) *CONFORMING AMENDMENT.*—Section 4(c) (16
6 *U.S.C. 668dd(c)) is amended by striking the last sentence.*

7 ***SEC. 8. STATUTORY CONSTRUCTION.***

8 *Nothing in this Act is intended to affect—*

9 (1) *the provisions for subsistence uses in Alaska*
10 *set forth in the Alaska National Interest Lands Con-*
11 *servation Act (Public Law 96–487), including those*
12 *in titles III and VIII of that Act;*

13 (2) *the provisions of section 102 of the Alaska*
14 *National Interest Lands Conservation Act, the juris-*
15 *isdiction over subsistence uses in Alaska, or any asser-*
16 *tion of subsistence uses in the Federal courts; and*

17 (3) *the manner in which section 810 of the Alas-*
18 *ka National Interest Lands Conservation Act is im-*
19 *plemented in refuges in Alaska, and the determina-*
20 *tion of compatible use as it relates to subsistence uses*
21 *in these refuges.*

22 ***SEC. 9. NEW REFUGES.***

23 *Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no funds*
24 *may be expended from the Land and Water Conservation*
25 *Fund established by Public Law 88–578, for the creation*

1 *of a new refuge within the National Wildlife Refuge System*
2 *without specific authorization from Congress pursuant to*
3 *recommendation from the United States Fish and Wildlife*
4 *Service, to create that new refuge.*

5 **SEC. 10. REORGANIZATIONAL TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS.**

6 (a) *REORGANIZATIONAL AMENDMENTS.—The Act of*
7 *October 15, 1966 (16 U.S.C. 668dd et seq.) is amended—*

8 (1) *by adding before section 4 the following new*
9 *section:*

10 **“SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

11 *“This Act may be cited as the ‘National Wildlife Ref-*
12 *uge System Administration Act of 1966.’”;*

13 (2) *in section 4 (16 U.S.C. 668dd)—*

14 (A) *by striking “SEC. 4.”; and*

15 (B) *by inserting before the text of that sec-*
16 *tion the following heading:*

17 **“SEC. 4. NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE SYSTEM.”;**

18 (3) *by striking sections 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10; and*

19 (4) *by redesignating section 4 as section 2.*

20 (b) *CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 12(f) of the*
21 *Act of December 5, 1969 (83 Stat. 283) is repealed.*

22 (c) *REFERENCES.—Any reference in any law, regula-*
23 *tion, or other document of the United States to section 4*
24 *of the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act*

1 *of 1966 is deemed to refer to section 2 of that Act, as redesign-*
2 *ated by subsection (a)(4) of this section.*

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