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2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# S. 1883

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

AUGUST 3, 1998

Referred to the Committee on Resources

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## AN ACT

To direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey the Marion National Fish Hatchery and the Claude Harris National Aquacultural Research Center to the State of Alabama, and for other purposes.

1        *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4        This Act may be cited as the “Marion National Fish  
5 Hatchery and Claude Harris National Aquacultural Re-  
6 search Center Conveyance Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. CONVEYANCE OF MARION NATIONAL FISH HATCH-**  
2 **ERY AND CLAUDE HARRIS NATIONAL**  
3 **AQUACULTURAL RESEARCH CENTER TO THE**  
4 **STATE OF ALABAMA.**

5 (a) CONVEYANCE REQUIREMENT.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days  
7 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Sec-  
8 retary of the Interior shall convey to the State of  
9 Alabama without reimbursement, and subject to the  
10 condition described in paragraph (2), all right, title,  
11 and interest of the United States in and to the prop-  
12 erties described in subsection (b) for use by the  
13 Game and Fish Division of the Department of Con-  
14 servation and Natural Resources of the State of Ala-  
15 bama (referred to in this section as the “Game and  
16 Fish Division”) as part of the fish culture program  
17 of the State of Alabama.

18 (2) LEASE OF CLAUDE HARRIS NATIONAL  
19 AQUACULTURAL RESEARCH CENTER.—As a condi-  
20 tion of the conveyance under paragraph (1), the  
21 Game and Fish Division shall offer to lease the  
22 property described in subsection (b)(1)(B) to the  
23 Alabama Agriculture Experiment Station—

24 (A) at no cost to the Station or the Game  
25 and Fish Division; and

1 (B) for the period requested by the Station  
2 and provided by Alabama law.

3 (b) DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTIES.—The properties  
4 referred to in subsection (a)(1) consist of—

5 (1)(A) the portion of the Marion National Fish  
6 Hatchery leased to the Game and Fish Division, lo-  
7 cated 7 miles northeast of Marion, Alabama, on  
8 State Highway 175, as described in Amendment No.  
9 2 to the Cooperative Agreement dated June 6, 1974,  
10 between the United States Fish and Wildlife Service  
11 and the Game and Fish Division, consisting of ap-  
12 proximately 300 acres; and

13 (B) the Claude Harris National Aquacultural  
14 Research Center, located 7 miles northeast of Mar-  
15 ion, Alabama, on State Highway 175, as described  
16 in a document of the United States Fish and Wild-  
17 life Service entitled “EXHIBIT A” and dated March  
18 19, 1996, consisting of approximately 298 acres;

19 (2) all improvements and related personal prop-  
20 erty under the control of the Secretary of the Inte-  
21 rior that are located on the properties described in  
22 paragraph (1), including buildings, structures, and  
23 equipment; and

1           (3) all easements, leases, and water and timber  
2 rights relating to the properties described in para-  
3 graph (1).

4           (c) REVERSIONARY INTEREST.—

5           (1) REQUIREMENT.—If any property conveyed  
6 to the State of Alabama under this section is used  
7 for any purpose other than the use authorized under  
8 subsection (a), all right, title, and interest in and to  
9 all property conveyed under this section shall revert  
10 to the United States.

11           (2) CONDITION OF PROPERTY ON REVER-  
12 SION.—In the case of a reversion of property under  
13 paragraph (1), the State of Alabama shall ensure  
14 that all property reverting to the United States  
15 under this subsection is in substantially the same  
16 condition as, or in better condition than, at the time  
17 of conveyance under subsection (a).

Passed the Senate July 31, 1998.

Attest:

GARY SISCO,  
*Secretary.*