America's Conservation Enhancement Reauthorization Act of 2024

Section by Section

TITLE I – Wildlife Enhancement, Disease, and Predation

Sec.101. Losses of livestock due to depredation by federally protected species

- Reauthorizes the Grant Program for Losses of Livestock Due to Depredation by Federally Protected Species through Fiscal Year 2030.

Sec. 102. Black vulture livestock protection program

- Codifies the existing Black Vulture Livestock Protection Program through Fiscal Year 2030.
- Requires the Secretary of Interior, in consultation with the Administrator of the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, to carry out a study on black vultures.

Sec.103. Chronic Wasting Disease Task Force

- Reauthorizes the Chronic Wasting Disease Task Force through Fiscal Year 2030.

Sec.104. Protection of water, oceans, coasts, and wildlife from invasive species

- Reauthorizes appropriations for $2.5 million annually for each the Secretary of the Army and the Secretary of Interior to carry out activities for the protection of water, oceans, coasts, and wildlife from invasive species through Fiscal Year 2030.

Sec.105. North American Wetlands Conservation Act

- Reauthorizes the North American Conservation Wetlands Act

Sec.106. National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Establishment Act

- Reauthorizes the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Establishment Act through Fiscal Year 2030 at current levels.
- Authorizes federal entities to provide partnership funds to the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation through cooperative agreements, participating agreements, and similar instruments used for providing partnership funds, provided that those funds are used for purposes that further the conservation and management of fish, wildlife, plants, and other natural resources. Those agreements are required to cover a time period that is no less than 5 years and no more than 10 years.

Sec.107. Modification of definition of sport fishing equipment under TSCA

- States that during the period beginning on the date of the bill's enactment and ending on September 30, 2030, the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency shall not take any action to regulate the lead content of sport fishing equipment or sport fishing equipment components under the Toxic Substances Control Act.

Sec.108. Chesapeake Bay Program

- Reauthorizes the Chesapeake Bay program at a level of $100 million annually through Fiscal Year 2030.

Sec.109. Chesapeake Bay Initiative Act of 1998

- Reauthorizes the Chesapeake Bay Gateways and Watertrails Network and the Chesapeake Bay Gateways Grants Assistance Program through Fiscal Year 2030.

Sec.110. Chesapeake Watershed Investments for Landscape Defense

- Reauthorizes the Chesapeake Watershed Investments for Landscape Defense program through Fiscal Year 2030.

TITLE II – National Fish Habitat Conservation Through Partnerships

Sec.201. National Fish Habitat Board

- Requires that the National Fish Habitat Board be composed of 28 members (26 under current law).
- Requires that two members of the Board shall be representatives from the Regional Fishery Management Councils or the Marine Fisheries Commissions.

Sec.202. Fish Habitat Partnerships

- Clarifies that the National Fish Habitat Board is only required to submit its annual "Report to Congress on Future Fish Habitat Partnerships and Modifications" on February 1 of each year only if the Board is proposing modifications to, or new designations of, one or more Partnerships in the given fiscal year.

Sec. 203. Fish habitat conservation projects

- States that the non-Federal share of the total cost of all fish habitat conservation projects each year shall be at least 50 percent.

Sec.204. Technical and scientific assistance

- States that the Bureau of Land Management is included in the list of federal departments and agencies that may provide scientific and technical assistance to Fish Habitat Partnerships.

Sec. 205. Accountability and Reporting

- Makes formatting and technical changes to Section 209 of the America's ConservationEnhancement Act.

Sec.206. Funding

- Reauthorizes appropriations for fish habitat conservation projects at a level of $10 million annually through Fiscal Year 2030.
- Reauthorizes appropriations at the following amounts for federal agencies and departments to carry out and provide technical assistance to Fish Habitat Partnerships through Fiscal Year 2030:
  - $400,000 to the Secretary of the Interior for use by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service;
  - $400,000 to the Secretary of the Interior for use by the Bureau of Land Management;
  - $400,000 to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Assistant Administrator for use by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration;
  - $400,000 to the Environmental Protection Agency Assistant Administrator for use by the Environmental Protection Agency
  - $400,000 to the Secretary of the Interior for use by the United States Geological Survey; and
  - $400,000 to the Secretary of Agriculture, acting through the Chief of the Forest Service, for use by the Forest Service.
- Authorizes $1 million to be appropriated for the competition of the National Fish Habitat Assessment to remain available until expended.

Sec.207. Technical correction

- Makes a technical correction to Section 211 of the ACE Act, clarifying that Chapter 10 of title 5, United States Code, commonly known as the Federal Advisory Committee Act, shall not apply to the National Fish Habitat Board or any Fish Habitat Partnership.