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H. R. 1243

To reauthorize the National Marine Sanctuaries Act.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 24, 1999

Mr. SAXTON introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Resources

A BILL

To reauthorize the National Marine Sanctuaries Act.

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 “National Marine Sanc-
5 tuaries Enhancement Act of 1999”.

6 **SEC. 2. AMENDMENT OF NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARIES**

7 **ACT.**

8 Except as otherwise expressly provided, whenever in
9 this Act an amendment or repeal is expressed in terms
10 of an amendment to, or repeal of, a section or other provi-
11 sion, the reference shall be considered to be made to a

1 section or other provision of the National Marine Sanc-
2 tuaries Act (16 U.S.C. 1431 et seq.).

3 **SEC. 3. LIMITATION ON PROPOSAL OF NEW SANCTUARIES.**

4 Section 304 (16 U.S.C. 1434) is amended by adding
5 at the end the following:

6 “(f) LIMITATION ON DESIGNATION OF NEW SANC-
7 TUARIES.—

8 “(1) LIMITATION.—The Secretary may not pre-
9 pare any draft management plan, draft environ-
10 mental impact statement, or proposed regulations
11 for a proposed designation of a national marine
12 sanctuary, unless the Secretary has published a find-
13 ing that—

14 “(A) baseline operational funding has been
15 available for the 2 fiscal years prior to the date
16 of that finding—

17 “(i) for all national marine sanc-
18 tuaries designated before that date of en-
19 actment; and

20 “(ii) for the Thunder Bay National
21 Marine Sanctuary, if that sanctuary has
22 been designated at the time the finding is
23 published;

24 “(B) site characterization studies to inven-
25 tory existing resources, including cultural re-

1 sources, have been completed for such national
2 marine sanctuaries; and

3 “(C) the Secretary has developed and is
4 implementing a monitoring program to assess
5 management effectiveness at all national marine
6 sanctuaries designated under this title.

7 “(2) LIMITATION ON APPLICATION.—Paragraph
8 (1) does not apply to any draft management plan,
9 draft environmental impact statement, or proposed
10 regulations for the Thunder Bay National Marine
11 Sanctuary.”.

12 **SEC. 4. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

13 Section 313 (16 U.S.C. 1444) is amended to read as
14 follows:

15 **“SEC. 313 AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

16 “There are authorized to be appropriated to the
17 Secretary—

18 “(1) to carry out this title, \$26,000,000 for
19 each of fiscal years 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, and
20 2004; and

21 “(2) for construction projects at national ma-
22 rine sanctuaries, \$3,000,000 for each of fiscal years
23 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, and 2004.”.

1 **SEC. 5. CLERICAL AMENDMENTS.**

2 (a) CORRECTION OF REFERENCES TO FORMER COM-
 3 MITTEE.—The following provisions are amended by strik-
 4 ing “Merchant Marine and Fisheries” and inserting “Re-
 5 sources”:

6 (1) Section 303(b)(2)(A) (16 U.S.C.
 7 1433(b)(2)(A)).

8 (2) Section 304(a)(1)(C) (16 U.S.C.
 9 1434(a)(1)(C)).

10 (3) Section 304(a)(6) (16 U.S.C. 1434(a)(6)).

11 (4) Section 314(b)(1) (16 U.S.C. 1445(b)(1)).

12 (b) CORRECTION OF REFERENCES TO RENAMED
 13 ACT.—

14 (1) Section 302(2) (16 U.S.C. 1432(2)) is
 15 amended by striking “Magnuson Fishery” and in-
 16 serting “Magnuson-Stevens Fishery”.

17 (2) Section 302(9) (16 U.S.C. 1432(9)) is
 18 amended by striking “Fishery Conservation and
 19 Management”.

20 (3) Section 315(b)(2) (16 U.S.C. 1445a(b)(2))
 21 is amended by striking “Fishery Conservation and
 22 Management”.

23 (c) MISCELLANEOUS.—Section 312(a)(1) (16 U.S.C.
 24 1443(a)(1)) is amended by striking “UNITED STATES”
 25 and inserting “UNITED STATES”.