

H. R. 3399

To amend the Nutria Eradication and Control Act of 2003 to include California in the program, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 21, 2019

Mr. HARDER of California (for himself, Mr. COSTA, Mr. COX of California, and Mr. GARAMENDI) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

A BILL

To amend the Nutria Eradication and Control Act of 2003 to include California in the program, 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. NUTRIA ERADICATION IN CALIFORNIA.

4 The Nutria Eradication and Control Act of 2003
5 (Public Law 108–16) is amended—

6 (1) in section 2—

7 (A) in subsection (a)—

8 (i) in paragraph (2), by striking
9 “Maryland and Louisiana” and inserting

1 “Maryland, Louisiana, and California”;
2 and

3 (ii) in paragraph (3), by striking
4 “Louisiana. Consequently, marsh loss is
5 accelerating.” and inserting “Louisiana
6 and California. Consequently, marsh loss,
7 loss of public and private wetlands, and
8 loss of agricultural lands are accel-
9 erating.”; and

10 (B) in subsection (b), by striking “the
11 State of Maryland and the State of Louisiana”
12 and inserting “Maryland, Louisiana, and Cali-
13 fornia”; and
14 (2) in section 3—

15 (A) by amending subsection (a) to read as
16 follows:

17 “(a) GRANT AUTHORITY.—The Secretary of the Inte-
18 rior (referred to in this Act as the ‘Secretary’), subject
19 to the availability of appropriations, may provide financial
20 assistance to Maryland, Louisiana, and California for a
21 program to implement measures to eradicate or control
22 nutria and restore marshland, public and private wetlands,
23 and agricultural lands damaged by nutria.”;

24 (B) by amending subsection (b) to read as
25 follows:

1 “(b) GOALS.—The goals of the program shall be to—

2 “(1) eradicate nutria in Maryland and Cali-
3 fornia;

4 “(2) eradicate or control nutria in Louisiana;
5 and

6 “(3) restore marshland, public and private wet-
7 lands, and agricultural lands damaged by nutria.”;
8 and

9 (C) in subsection (f), by striking “State of
10 Maryland” and all that follows and inserting
11 “Maryland program, \$2,000,000 for the Lou-
12 isiana program, and \$7,000,000 for the Cali-
13 fornia program for each of fiscal years 2020
14 through 2025.”

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