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# H. R. 3708

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

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## A BILL

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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 “Gaylord Nelson Apost-  
5       tle Islands Stewardship Act of 1998”.

6       **SEC. 2. GAYLORD NELSON APOSTLE ISLANDS.**

7       (a) FINDINGS.—The Congress finds the following:

8               (1) The Apostle Islands National Lakeshore is  
9       a national and a Wisconsin treasure.

1           (2) The sesquicentennial year of the State of  
2       Wisconsin provides an opportunity to reflect on and  
3       act to protect important components of the State's  
4       ecological and cultural identity, such as the Lake-  
5       shore.

6           (3) The State of Wisconsin is particularly in-  
7       debted to former Senator Gaylord Nelson for his  
8       leadership in the creation of the Lakeshore.

9           (4) After 28 years of enjoyment, some issues  
10      critical to maintaining the overall ecological, rec-  
11      reational, and cultural vision of the Lakeshore need  
12      additional attention.

13          (5) The general management planning process  
14      for the Lakeshore has identified a need for a formal  
15      wilderness study.

16          (6) All lands within the Lakeshore that might  
17      be suitable for designation as wilderness are cur-  
18      rently zoned and managed to protect wilderness  
19      characteristics pending completion of such a study.

20          (7) Several historic lighthouses within the  
21      Lakeshore are currently in danger of structural  
22      damage due to severe erosion.

23          (8) The Secretary of the Interior has been un-  
24      able to take full advantage of cooperative agree-  
25      ments with Federal, State, local, and tribal govern-

1       mental agencies, institutions of higher education,  
2       and other nonprofit organizations that could assist  
3       the National Park Service by contributing to the  
4       management of the Lakeshore.

5           (9) Because of competing needs in other units  
6       of the National Park System, the standard authoriz-  
7       ing and budgetary process has not resulted in up-  
8       dated legislative authority and necessary funding for  
9       improvements to the Lakeshore.

10          (10) The need for improvements to the Lake-  
11       shore and completion of a wilderness study should be  
12       accorded a high priority among National Park Serv-  
13       ice activities.

14       (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

15           (1) LAKESHORE.—The term “Lakeshore”  
16       means the Apostle Islands National Lakeshore.

17           (2) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means  
18       the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Di-  
19       rector of the National Park Service.

20       (c) WILDERNESS STUDY.—In fulfillment of the re-  
21       sponsibilities of the Secretary under the Wilderness Act  
22       (16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.) and of applicable agency policy,  
23       the Secretary shall evaluate areas of land within the Lake-  
24       shore for inclusion in the National Wilderness System.

1 (d) APOSTLE ISLANDS LIGHTHOUSES.—The Sec-  
 2 retary shall undertake appropriate action (including pro-  
 3 tection of the bluff toe beneath the lighthouses, stabiliza-  
 4 tion of the bank face, and dewatering of the area imme-  
 5 diately shoreward of the bluffs) to protect the lighthouse  
 6 structures at Raspberry Lighthouse and Outer Island  
 7 Lighthouse within the Lakeshore.

8 (e) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS.—Section 6 of Pub-  
 9 lic Law 91–424 (16 U.S.C. 460w–5) is amended—

10 (1) by striking “SEC. 6. The lakeshore” and in-  
 11 serting the following:

12 **“SEC. 6. MANAGEMENT.**

13 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The lakeshore”; and

14 (2) by adding at the end the following:

15 “(b) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS.—The Secretary  
 16 may enter into a cooperative agreement with a Federal,  
 17 State, tribal, or local government agency or a nonprofit  
 18 private entity if the Secretary determines that a coopera-  
 19 tive agreement would be beneficial in carrying out section  
 20 7.”.

21 (f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
 22 are authorized to be appropriated—

23 (1) \$200,000 to carry out subsection (c); and

24 (2) \$3,900,000 to carry out subsection (d).

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