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To amend the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966 to improve the management of the National Wildlife Refuge System, and for other purposes.

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Mr. YOUNG of Alaska (for himself, Mr. DINGELL, Mr. SAXTON, Mr. TANNER, and Mr. CUNNINGHAM) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Resources

A BILL

To amend the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966 to improve the management of the National Wildlife Refuge System, 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; REFERENCES.**

4 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the
5 “National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of
6 1997”.

7 (b) REFERENCES.—Whenever in this Act an amend-
8 ment or repeal is expressed in terms of an amendment
9 to, or repeal of, a section or other provision, the reference

1 shall be considered to be made to a section or provision
2 of the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration
3 Act of 1966 (16 U.S.C. 668dd et seq.).

4 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

5 The Congress finds the following:

6 (1) The National Wildlife Refuge System is
7 comprised of over 91,000,000 acres of Federal lands
8 that have been incorporated within 511 individual
9 units located in all 50 States and our territories.

10 (2) The System was created to conserve fish,
11 wildlife, and other habitats and this conservation
12 mission has been facilitated by providing Americans
13 opportunities to participate in wildlife-dependent
14 recreation, including fishing and hunting, on System
15 lands and to better appreciate the value of and need
16 for fish and wildlife conservation.

17 (3) The System includes lands purchased not
18 only through the use of tax dollars but also through
19 the sale of Duck Stamps and refuge entrance fees.
20 It is a System paid for by those utilizing it.

21 (4) On March 25, 1996, the President issued
22 Executive Order 12996 which recognized “wildlife-
23 dependent recreational activities involving hunting,
24 fishing, wildlife observation and photography, and

1 environmental education and interpretation as prior-
2 ity general public uses of the Refuge System”.

3 (5) Executive Order 12996 is a positive step in
4 the right direction and will serve as the foundation
5 for the permanent statutory changes made by this
6 Act.

7 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 5 (16 U.S.C. 668ee) is
9 amended to read as follows:

10 **“SEC. 5. DEFINITIONS.**

11 “For purposes of this Act:

12 “(1) The term ‘compatible use’ means a use
13 that will not materially interfere with or detract
14 from the fulfillment of the purposes of a refuge or
15 the overall mission and purposes of the System spec-
16 ified in sections 4(a) (2) and (3), respectively, as de-
17 termined by sound resource management, and based
18 on reliable scientific information.

19 “(2) The terms ‘conserving’, ‘conservation’,
20 ‘manage’, ‘managing’, and ‘management’, when used
21 with respect to fish and wildlife, mean to use, in ac-
22 cordance with applicable Federal and State laws,

1 methods and procedures associated with modern sci-
2 entific resource programs including protection, re-
3 search, census, law enforcement, habitat manage-
4 ment, propagation, live trapping and transplan-
5 tation, and regulated taking.

6 “(3) The term ‘Coordination Area’ means a
7 wildlife management area that is acquired by the
8 Federal Government and subsequently made avail-
9 able to a State—

10 “(A) by cooperative agreement between the
11 United States Fish and Wildlife Service and the
12 State fish and game agency pursuant to the
13 Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act (16 U.S.C.
14 661–666c); or

15 “(B) by long-term leases or agreements
16 pursuant to the Bankhead-Jones Farm Tenant
17 Act (50 Stat. 525; 7 U.S.C. 1010 et seq.).

18 “(4) The term ‘Director’ means the Director of
19 the United States Fish and Wildlife Service.

20 “(5) The terms ‘fish’, ‘wildlife’, and ‘fish and
21 wildlife’ mean any wild member of the animal king-
22 dom whether alive or dead, and regardless of wheth-
23 er the member was bred, hatched, or born in cap-
24 tivity, including a part, product, egg, or offspring of
25 the member.

1 “(6) The term ‘person’ means any individual,
2 partnership, corporation or association.

3 “(7) The term ‘plant’ means any member of the
4 plant kingdom in a wild, unconfined state, including
5 any plant community, seed, root, or other part of a
6 plant.

7 “(8) The terms ‘purposes of the refuge’ and
8 ‘purposes of each refuge’ mean the purposes speci-
9 fied in or derived from the law, proclamation, execu-
10 tive order, agreement, public land order, donation
11 document, or administrative memorandum establish-
12 ing, authorizing, or expanding a refuge, refuge unit,
13 or refuge subunit.

14 “(9) The term ‘refuge’ means a designated area
15 of land, water, or an interest in land or water within
16 the System, but does not include navigational ser-
17 vitudes or Coordination Areas.

18 “(10) The term ‘Secretary’ means the Secretary
19 of the Interior.

20 “(11) The terms ‘State’ and ‘United States’
21 mean the several States of the United States, Puerto
22 Rico, American Samoa, the Virgin Islands, Guam,
23 and the insular possessions of the United States.

1 “(12) The term ‘System’ means the National
2 Wildlife Refuge System designated under section
3 4(a)(1).

4 “(13) The terms ‘take’, ‘taking’, and ‘taken’
5 mean to pursue, hunt, shoot, capture, collect, or kill,
6 or to attempt to pursue, hunt, shoot, capture, col-
7 lect, or kill.”.

8 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 4 (16
9 U.S.C. 668dd) is amended by striking “Secretary of the
10 Interior” each place it appears and inserting “Secretary”.

11 **SEC. 4. MISSION AND PURPOSES OF THE SYSTEM.**

12 Section 4(a) (16 U.S.C. 668dd(a)) is amended—

13 (1) by redesignating paragraphs (2) and (3) as
14 paragraphs (5) and (6), respectively;

15 (2) in clause (i) of paragraph (6) (as so redesign-
16 ated), by striking “paragraph (2)” and inserting
17 “paragraph (5)”; and

18 (3) by inserting after paragraph (1) the follow-
19 ing new paragraphs:

20 “(2) The overall mission of the System is to conserve
21 and manage fish, wildlife, and plants and their habitats
22 within the System for the benefit of present and future
23 generations of the people of the United States.

24 “(3) The purposes of the System are—

1 “(A) to provide a national network of lands and
 2 waters designed to conserve and manage fish, wild-
 3 life, and plants and their habitats;

4 “(B) to conserve, manage, and where appro-
 5 priate restore fish and wildlife populations, plant
 6 communities, and refuge habitats within the System;

7 “(C) to conserve and manage migratory birds,
 8 anadromous or interjurisdictional fish species, and
 9 marine mammals within the System;

10 “(D) to provide opportunities for compatible
 11 uses of refuges consisting of fish- and wildlife-de-
 12 pendent recreation, including fishing and hunting,
 13 wildlife observation, and environmental education;

14 “(E) to preserve, restore, and recover fish, wild-
 15 life, and plants within the System that are listed or
 16 are candidates for threatened species or endangered
 17 species under section 4 of the Endangered Species
 18 Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1533) and the habitats on
 19 which these species depend; and

20 “(F) to fulfill as appropriate international trea-
 21 ty obligations of the United States with respect to
 22 fish, wildlife, and plants, and their habitats.”.

23 **SEC. 5. ADMINISTRATION OF THE SYSTEM.**

24 (a) ADMINISTRATION, GENERALLY.—Section 4(a)
 25 (16 U.S.C. 668dd(a)), as amended by section 3 of this

1 Act, is further amended by inserting after new paragraph
2 (3) the following new paragraph:

3 “(4) In administering the System, the Secretary
4 shall—

5 “(A) ensure that the mission and purposes of
6 the System described in paragraphs (2) and (3), re-
7 spectively, and the purposes of each refuge are car-
8 ried out, except that if a conflict exists between the
9 purposes of a refuge and any purpose of the System,
10 the conflict shall be resolved in a manner that first
11 protects the purposes of the refuge, and, to the ex-
12 tent practicable, that also achieves the purposes of
13 the System;

14 “(B) provide for conservation of fish and wild-
15 life and their habitats within the System;

16 “(C) ensure effective coordination, interaction,
17 and cooperation with owners of land adjoining ref-
18 uges and the fish and wildlife agency of the States
19 in which the units of the System are located;

20 “(D) assist in the maintenance of adequate
21 water quantity and water quality to fulfill the pur-
22 poses of the System and the purposes of each
23 refuge;

1 “(E) acquire under State law through purchase,
2 exchange, or donation water rights that are needed
3 for refuge purposes;

4 “(F) plan, propose, and direct appropriate ex-
5 pansion of the System in the manner that is best de-
6 signed to accomplish the purposes of the System and
7 the purposes of each refuge and to complement ef-
8 forts of States and other Federal agencies to con-
9 serve fish and wildlife and their habitats;

10 “(G) recognize compatible uses of refuges con-
11 sisting of wildlife-dependent recreational activities
12 involving hunting, fishing, wildlife observation and
13 photography, and environmental education and in-
14 terpretation as priority general public uses of the
15 System through which the American public can de-
16 velop an appreciation for fish and wildlife;

17 “(H) provide expanded opportunities for these
18 priority public uses within the System when they are
19 compatible and consistent with sound principles of
20 fish and wildlife management;

21 “(I) ensure that such priority public uses re-
22 ceive enhanced attention in planning and manage-
23 ment within the System;

1 “(J) provide increased opportunities for families
2 to experience wildlife-dependent recreation, particu-
3 larly opportunities for parents and their children to
4 safely engage in traditional outdoor activities, such
5 as fishing and hunting;

6 “(K) ensure that the biological integrity and en-
7 vironmental health of the System is maintained for
8 the benefit of present and future generations of
9 Americans;

10 “(L) continue, consistent with existing laws and
11 interagency agreements, authorized or permitted
12 uses of units of the System by other Federal agen-
13 cies, including those necessary to facilitate military
14 preparedness;

15 “(M) plan and direct the continued growth of
16 the System in a manner that is best designed to ac-
17 complish the mission of the System, to contribute to
18 the conservation of the ecosystems of the United
19 States, and to increase support for the System and
20 participation from conservation partners and the
21 public;

22 “(N) ensure timely and effective cooperation
23 and collaboration with Federal agencies and State
24 fish and wildlife agencies during the course of ac-
25 quiring and managing refuges;

1 “(O) ensure appropriate public involvement op-
2 portunities will be provided in conjunction with ref-
3 uge planning and management activities; and

4 “(P) identify, prior to acquisition, existing wild-
5 life-dependent compatible uses of new refuge lands
6 that shall be permitted to continue on an interim
7 basis pending completion of comprehensive plan-
8 ning.”.

9 (b) POWERS.—Section 4(b) (16 U.S.C. 668dd(b)) is
10 amended—

11 (1) in the matter preceding paragraph (1) by
12 striking “authorized—” and inserting “authorized to
13 take the following actions:”;

14 (2) in paragraph (1) by striking “to enter” and
15 inserting “Enter”;

16 (3) in paragraph (2)—

17 (A) by striking “to accept” and inserting
18 “Accept”; and

19 (B) by striking “, and” and inserting a pe-
20 riod;

21 (4) in paragraph (3) by striking “to acquire”
22 and inserting “Acquire”; and

23 (5) by adding at the end the following new
24 paragraph:

1 “(4) Subject to standards established by and
2 the overall management oversight of the Director,
3 and consistent with standards established by this
4 Act, enter into cooperative agreements with State
5 fish and wildlife agencies and other entities for the
6 management of programs on a refuge or the man-
7 agement of parts of a refuge.”.

8 **SEC. 6. COMPATIBILITY STANDARDS AND PROCEDURES.**

9 Section 4(d) (16 U.S.C. 668dd(d)) is amended by
10 adding at the end the following new paragraph:

11 “(3)(A)(i) Except as provided in clause (ii), on
12 and after the date that is 3 years after the date of
13 the enactment of the National Wildlife Refuge Sys-
14 tem Improvement Act of 1997, the Secretary shall
15 not initiate or permit a new use of a refuge or ex-
16 pand, renew, or extend an existing use of a refuge,
17 unless the Secretary has determined that the use is
18 a compatible use.

19 “(ii) On lands added to the System after the
20 date of the enactment of the National Wildlife Ref-
21 uge System Improvement Act of 1997, any existing
22 fish or wildlife-dependent use of a refuge, including
23 fishing, hunting, wildlife observation, and environ-
24 mental education, shall be permitted to continue on

1 an interim basis unless the Secretary determines
2 that the use is not a compatible use.

3 “(iii) The Secretary shall permit fishing and
4 hunting on a refuge if the Secretary determines that
5 the activities are consistent with the principles of
6 sound fish and wildlife management, are compatible
7 uses consistent with the purposes of the System
8 under subsection (a)(3)), and are consistent with
9 public safety. No other determinations or findings,
10 except the determination of consistency with State
11 laws and regulations provided for in subsection (m),
12 are required to be made for fishing and hunting to
13 occur. The Secretary may make the determination
14 referred to in this paragraph for a refuge concur-
15 rently with the development of a conservation plan
16 for the refuge under subsection (e).

17 “(iv) A new use of a Coordination Area first
18 made available to a State after the date of enact-
19 ment of the National Wildlife Refuge System Im-
20 provement Act of 1997 may not be initiated or per-
21 mitted unless the Secretary determines that the use
22 is a compatible use.

23 “(B) Not later than 24 months after the date
24 of the enactment of the National Wildlife Refuge
25 System Improvement Act of 1997, the Secretary

1 shall issue final regulations establishing the process
2 for determining under subparagraph (A) whether a
3 use of a refuge is a compatible use. These regula-
4 tions shall—

5 “(i) designate the refuge officer responsible
6 for making initial compatibility determinations;

7 “(ii) require an estimate of the timeframe,
8 location, manner, and purpose of each use;

9 “(iii) identify the effects of each use on
10 refuge resources and purposes of each refuge;

11 “(iv) require that compatibility determina-
12 tions be made in writing and consider the best
13 professional judgment of the refuge officer des-
14 ignated under clause (i);

15 “(v) provide for the expedited consider-
16 ation of uses that will likely have no detrimen-
17 tal effect on the fulfillment of the purposes of
18 a refuge or the purposes of the System specified
19 in subsection (a)(3);

20 “(vi) provide for the elimination or modi-
21 fication of any use as expeditiously as prac-
22 ticable after a determination is made that the
23 use is not a compatible use;

24 “(vii) require, after an opportunity for
25 public comment, reevaluation of each existing

1 use, other than those uses specified in clause
2 (viii), when conditions under which the use is
3 permitted change significantly or when there is
4 significant new information regarding the ef-
5 fects of the use, but not less frequently than
6 once every 10 years, to ensure that the use re-
7 mains a compatible use;

8 “(viii) require after an opportunity for
9 public comment reevaluation of each fish and
10 wildlife-dependent recreational use when condi-
11 tions under which the use is permitted change
12 significantly or when there is significant new in-
13 formation regarding the effects of the use, but
14 not less frequently than in conjunction with
15 each preparation or revision of a conservation
16 plan under subsection (e) or at least every 15
17 years;

18 “(ix) provide an opportunity for public re-
19 view and comment on each evaluation of a use,
20 unless an opportunity for public review and
21 comment on the evaluation of the use has al-
22 ready been provided during the development or
23 revision of a conservation plan for the refuge
24 under subsection (e) or has otherwise been pro-
25 vided during routine, periodic determinations of

1 compatibility for fish- and wildlife-dependent
2 recreational uses; and

3 “(x) provide that when managed in accord-
4 ance with principles of sound fish and wildlife
5 management, fishing, hunting, wildlife observa-
6 tion, and environmental education in a refuge
7 are generally compatible uses.

8 “(4) The provisions of this Act relating to de-
9 terminations of the compatibility of a use shall not
10 apply to—

11 “(A) overflights above a refuge; and

12 “(B) activities authorized, funded, or con-
13 ducted by a Federal agency (other than the
14 United States Fish and Wildlife Service) which
15 has primary jurisdiction over the refuge or a
16 portion of the refuge, if the management of
17 those activities is in accordance with a memo-
18 randum of understanding between the Secretary
19 or the Director and the head of the Federal
20 agency with primary jurisdiction over the refuge
21 governing the use of the refuge.

22 “(5) Overflights above a refuge may be gov-
23 erned by any memorandum of understanding entered
24 into by the Secretary that applies to the refuge.”.

1 **SEC. 7. REFUGE CONSERVATION PLANNING PROGRAM.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 4 (16 U.S.C. 668dd) is
3 amended—

4 (1) by redesignating subsections (e) through (i)
5 as subsections (f) through (j), respectively; and

6 (2) by inserting after subsection (d) the follow-
7 ing new subsection:

8 “(e)(1)(A) Except with respect to refuge lands in
9 Alaska (which shall be governed by the refuge planning
10 provisions of the Alaska National Interest Lands Con-
11 servation Act (16 U.S.C. 3101 et seq.)), the Secretary
12 shall—

13 “(i) propose a comprehensive conservation plan
14 for each refuge or related complex of refuges (re-
15 ferred to in this subsection as a ‘planning unit’) in
16 the System;

17 “(ii) publish a notice of opportunity for public
18 comment in the Federal Register on each proposed
19 conservation plan;

20 “(iii) issue a final conservation plan for each
21 planning unit consistent with the provisions of this
22 Act and, to the extent practicable, consistent with
23 fish and wildlife conservation plans of the State in
24 which the refuge is located; and

25 “(iv) not less frequently than 15 years after the
26 date of issuance of a conservation plan under clause

1 (iii) and every 15 years thereafter, revise the con-
2 servation plan as may be necessary.

3 “(B) The Secretary shall prepare a comprehensive
4 conservation plan under this subsection for each refuge
5 within 15 years after the date of enactment of the Na-
6 tional Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997.

7 “(C) The Secretary shall manage each refuge or plan-
8 ning unit under plans in effect on the date of enactment
9 of the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act
10 of 1997, to the extent such plans are consistent with this
11 Act, until such plans are revised or superseded by new
12 comprehensive conservation plans issued under this sub-
13 section.

14 “(D) Uses or activities consistent with this Act may
15 occur on any refuge or planning unit before existing plans
16 are revised or new comprehensive conservation plans are
17 issued under this subsection.

18 “(E) Upon completion of a comprehensive conserva-
19 tion plan under this subsection for a refuge or planning
20 unit, the Secretary shall manage the refuge or planning
21 unit in a manner consistent with the plan and shall revise
22 the plan at any time if the Secretary determines that con-
23 ditions that affect the refuge or planning unit have
24 changed significantly.

1 “(2) In developing each comprehensive conservation
2 plan under this subsection for a planning unit, the Sec-
3 retary, acting through the Director, shall identify and de-
4 scribe—

5 “(A) the purposes of each refuge comprising
6 the planning unit and the purposes of the System
7 applicable to those refuges;

8 “(B) the distribution, migration patterns, and
9 abundance of fish, wildlife, and plant populations
10 and related habitats within the planning unit;

11 “(C) the archaeological and cultural values of
12 the planning unit;

13 “(D) such areas within the planning unit that
14 are suitable for use as administrative sites or visitor
15 facilities;

16 “(E) significant problems that may adversely
17 affect the populations and habitats of fish, wildlife,
18 and plants within the planning unit and the actions
19 necessary to correct or mitigate such problems; and

20 “(F) the opportunities for fish- and wildlife-de-
21 pendent recreation, including fishing and hunting,
22 wildlife observation, environmental education, inter-
23 pretation of the resources and values of the planning
24 unit, and other uses that may contribute to refuge
25 management.

1 “(3) In preparing each comprehensive conservation
2 plan under this subsection, and any revision to such a
3 plan, the Secretary, acting through the Director, shall, to
4 the maximum extent practicable and consistent with this
5 Act—

6 “(A) consult with adjoining Federal, State,
7 local, and private landowners and affected State con-
8 servation agencies; and

9 “(B) coordinate the development of the con-
10 servation plan or revision of the plan with relevant
11 State conservation plans for fish and wildlife and
12 their habitats.

13 “(4)(A) In accordance with subparagraph (B), the
14 Secretary shall develop and implement a process to ensure
15 an opportunity for active public involvement in the prepa-
16 ration and revision of comprehensive conservation plans
17 under this subsection. At a minimum, the Secretary shall
18 require that publication of any final plan shall include a
19 summary of the comments made by States, adjacent or
20 potentially affected landowners, local governments, and
21 any other affected parties, together with a statement of
22 the disposition of concerns expressed in those comments.

23 “(B) Prior to the adoption of each comprehensive
24 conservation plan under this subsection, the Secretary
25 shall issue public notice of the draft proposed plan, make

1 copies of the plan available at the affected field and re-
2 gional offices of the United States Fish and Wildlife Serv-
3 ice, and provide opportunity for public comment.”.

4 **SEC. 8. EMERGENCY POWER; PRESIDENTIAL EXEMPTION;**
5 **STATE AUTHORITY; WATER RIGHTS; COORDI-**
6 **NATION.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 4 (16 U.S.C. 668dd) is
8 further amended by adding at the end the following new
9 subsections:

10 “(k) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act
11 the Secretary may temporarily suspend, allow, or initiate
12 any activity in a refuge in the System in the event of any
13 emergency that constitutes an imminent danger to the
14 health and safety of the public or any fish or wildlife popu-
15 lation, including any activity to control or eradicate sea
16 lampreys, zebra mussels, or any other aquatic nuisance
17 species (as that term is defined in section 1003 of the
18 Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance Prevention and Control
19 Act of 1990 (16 U.S.C. 4702)).

20 “(l) Nothing in this Act shall be construed to author-
21 ize the Secretary to control or regulate hunting or fishing
22 of fish and resident wildlife on lands or waters not within
23 the System.

1 “(m) Nothing in this Act shall be construed as affect-
2 ing the authority, jurisdiction, or responsibility of the sev-
3 eral States to manage, control, or regulate fish and resi-
4 dent wildlife under State law or regulations in any area
5 within the System. Regulations permitting hunting or fish-
6 ing of fish and resident wildlife within the System shall
7 be, to the extent practicable, consistent with State fish and
8 wildlife laws, regulations, or management plans.

9 “(n)(1) Nothing in this Act shall—

10 “(A) create a reserved water right, express or
11 implied, in the United States for any purpose;

12 “(B) affect any water right in existence on the
13 date of enactment of the National Wildlife Refuge
14 System Improvement Act of 1997; or

15 “(C) affect any Federal or State law in exist-
16 ence on the date of the enactment of the National
17 Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997
18 regarding water quality or water quantity.

19 “(2) Nothing in this Act shall diminish or affect the
20 ability to join the United States in the adjudication of
21 rights to the use of water pursuant to the McCarran Act
22 (43 U.S.C. 666).

1 “(o) Coordination with State fish and wildlife agency
2 personnel or with personnel of other affected State agen-
3 cies pursuant to this Act shall not be subject to the Fed-
4 eral Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.).

5 “(p) Nothing in this Act shall be construed as requir-
6 ing or prohibiting fishing or hunting on any particular ref-
7 uge except pursuant to a determination by the Secretary
8 in accordance with this Act.”.

9 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 4(c) (16
10 U.S.C. 668dd(c)) is amended by striking the last sentence.

11 **SEC. 9. STATUTORY CONSTRUCTION.**

12 Nothing in this Act is intended to affect—

13 (1) the provisions for subsistence uses in Alaska
14 set forth in the Alaska National Interest Lands Con-
15 servation Act (Public Law 96–487), including those
16 in titles III and VIII of that Act;

17 (2) the provisions of section 102 of the Alaska
18 National Interest Lands Conservation Act, the juris-
19 diction over subsistence uses in Alaska, or any asser-
20 tion of subsistence uses in the Federal courts; and

21 (3) the manner in which section 810 of the
22 Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act is
23 implemented in refuges in Alaska, and the deter-
24 mination of compatible use as it relates to subsist-
25 ence uses in these refuges.

1 **SEC. 10. REORGANIZATIONAL TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS.**

2 (a) REORGANIZATIONAL AMENDMENTS.—The Act of
3 October 15, 1966 (16 U.S.C. 668dd et seq.), is amended—

4 (1) by adding before section 4 the following new
5 section:

6 **“SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

7 “This Act may be cited as the ‘National Wildlife Ref-
8 uge System Administration Act of 1966’.”;

9 (2) by striking sections 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10;

10 (3) in section 4 (16 U.S.C. 668dd)—

11 (A) by striking “SEC. 4.”; and

12 (B) by redesignating that section as sec-
13 tion 2 and inserting immediately above the text
14 of the section the following new heading:

15 **“SEC. 2. NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE SYSTEM.”;**

16 (4) in section 5(1), as amended by section 3 of
17 this Act, by striking “sections 4(a)(2) and (3)” and
18 inserting “section 2(a)(2) and (3)”; and

19 (5) in section 5(12), as amended by section 3
20 of this Act, by striking “section 4(a)(1)” and insert-
21 ing “section 2(a)(1)”.

22 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

23 (1) Section 12(f) of the Act of December 5,
24 1969 (83 Stat. 283) is repealed.

25 (2) Section 5(b) of the Act of January 3, 1975
26 (88 Stat. 2123; 16 U.S.C. 459j–4) is amended by

1 striking “Administration Act, as amended (16
2 U.S.C. 668dd–668ee),” and inserting “Administra-
3 tion Act of 1966,”.

4 (3) Section 320808(7) of the Recreational
5 Hunting Safety and Preservation Act of 1994 (16
6 U.S.C. 5207(7)) is amended by striking “section 4”
7 and inserting “section 2”.

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