

105TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 608

To direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey the Marion National Fish Hatchery and the Claude Harris National Aquacultural Research Center to the State of Alabama.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 5, 1997

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

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 “Marion National Fish
5 Hatchery Conveyance Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. CONVEYANCE OF MARION NATIONAL FISH HATCH-**
2 **ERY AND CLAUDE HARRIS NATIONAL**
3 **AQUACULTURAL RESEARCH CENTER TO THE**
4 **STATE OF ALABAMA.**

5 (a) CONVEYANCE REQUIREMENT.—Within 180 days
6 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
7 of the Interior shall convey to the State of Alabama with-
8 out reimbursement all right, title, and interest of the Unit-
9 ed States in and to the property described in subsection
10 (b) for use by the Game and Fish Division of the Alabama
11 Department of Conservation and Natural Resources as
12 part of the State of Alabama fish culture program.

13 (b) PROPERTY DESCRIBED.—The property referred
14 to in subsection (a) consists of—

15 (1) that portion of the Marion National Fish
16 Hatchery leased to the Alabama Game and Fish Di-
17 vision, located on State Highway 175 seven miles
18 northeast of Marion, Alabama, as described in
19 Amendment No. 2 to the Cooperative Agreement
20 dated June 6, 1974, between the United States Fish
21 and Wildlife Service and the State of Alabama, De-
22 partment of Conservation and Natural Resources,
23 Game and Fish Division, comprised of approximately
24 300 acres (more or less), and the Claude Harris Na-
25 tional Aquacultural Research Center, located on
26 State Highway 175 seven miles northeast of Marion,

1 Alabama, as described in a United States Fish and
2 Wildlife Service document entitled “EXHIBIT A”
3 and dated March 19, 1996, comprised of approxi-
4 mately 298 acres (more or less);

5 (2) all improvements and related personal prop-
6 erty under the control of the Secretary that is lo-
7 cated on that property, including buildings, struc-
8 tures, equipment, and all easements and leases relat-
9 ing to that property; and

10 (3) all water rights relating to that property.

11 (c) REVERSIONARY INTEREST.—If any of the prop-
12 erty conveyed to the State of Alabama under this section
13 is used for any purpose other than the use authorized
14 under subsection (a), all right, title, and interest in and
15 to all property conveyed under this section shall revert to
16 the United States. The State of Alabama shall ensure that
17 all property reverting to the United States under this sub-
18 section is in substantially the same or better condition as
19 at the time of transfer to the State.

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