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## AN ACT

To adjust the boundaries of the Gulf Islands National  
Seashore to include Cat Island, Mississippi.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—The first section of Public Law  
3 91–660 (16 U.S.C. 459h; 84 Stat. 1967) is amended—

4 (1) by redesignating paragraphs (1) through  
5 (6) as subparagraphs (A) through (F);

6 (2) by striking “shall comprise the following  
7 gulf coast” and inserting the following: “shall com-  
8 prise the following:

9 “(1) The gulf coast”; and

10 (3) by adding at the end the following new  
11 paragraph:

12 “(2) Only after acquisition by the Secretary  
13 from a willing seller, the approximately 2000 acres  
14 of land on Cat Island, Mississippi, generally depicted  
15 on the map entitled ‘Boundary Map, Gulf Islands  
16 National Seashore, Cat Island, Mississippi’, num-  
17 bered 635/80085, and dated November 9, 1999  
18 (hereinafter referred to as the ‘Cat Island Map’).

19 The Cat Island Map shall be on file and available for  
20 public inspection in the appropriate offices of the  
21 National Park Service of the Department of the In-  
22 terior.”.

23 (b) ACQUISITION AUTHORITY.—Section 2 of Public  
24 Law 91–660 (16 U.S.C. 459h–1; 84 Stat. 1967) is  
25 amended—

1 (1) in the first sentence of subsection (a), by in-  
2 serting “submerged lands,” after “lands,”; and

3 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-  
4 section:

5 “(e)(1) The Secretary is authorized to acquire, from  
6 a willing seller only—

7 “(A) the approximately 2,000 acres of land de-  
8 picted on the Cat Island Map;

9 “(B) an easement over the approximately 150-  
10 acre parcel depicted as the ‘Boddie Family Tract’ on  
11 the Cat Island Map for the purpose of implementing  
12 an agreement with the owners of the parcel con-  
13 cerning the development and use of the parcel; and

14 “(C) lands and interests in lands on Cat Island  
15 outside the 2,000-acre area depicted on the Cat Is-  
16 land Map and submerged lands that lie within 1  
17 mile seaward of Cat Island; however submerged  
18 lands owned by the State of Mississippi or its sub-  
19 divisions may be acquired under this subsection only  
20 by donation.

21 “(2) Lands and interests in lands acquired under this  
22 subsection shall be administered by the Secretary, acting  
23 through the Director of the National Park Service.

24 “(3) The boundary of the seashore shall be modified  
25 to reflect the acquisition of such lands.”.

1 (c) REGULATION OF FISHING.—Section 3 of Public  
2 Law 91–660 (16 U.S.C. 459h–2; 84 Stat. 1968) is  
3 amended—

4 (1) by inserting “(a)” before “The Secretary”;  
5 and

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

7 “(b) Nothing in this Act shall be construed to give  
8 the Secretary authority to regulate fishing activities, in-  
9 cluding shrimping, outside of the boundaries of the sea-  
10 shore.”.

11 (d) AUTHORIZATION OF MANAGEMENT AGREE-  
12 MENTS.—Section 5 of Public Law 91–660 (16 U.S.C.  
13 459h–4; 84 Stat. 1968) is amended—

14 (1) by inserting “(a)” before “Except”; and

15 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-  
16 section:

17 “(b)(1) The Secretary is authorized to enter into  
18 agreements—

19 “(A) with the State of Mississippi and its polit-  
20 ical subdivisions for the purposes of managing re-  
21 sources and providing law enforcement assistance,  
22 subject to State law authorization, and emergency  
23 services on or within any lands on Cat Island and  
24 any waters and submerged lands within 1 mile sea-  
25 ward from Cat Island; and

1           “(B) with the owners of the approximately 150-  
2       acre parcel of land depicted as the ‘Boddie Family  
3       Tract’ on the Cat Island Map concerning the devel-  
4       opment and use of such land.

5       “(2) Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to  
6       authorize the Secretary to enforce Federal regulations out-  
7       side the land area within the designated boundary of the  
8       seashore.”.

9       (e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section  
10   11 of Public Law 91–660 (16 U.S.C. 459h–10; 84 Stat.  
11   1970) is amended—

12           (1) by inserting “(a)” before “There”; and

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

14       “(b) In addition to the funds authorized by sub-  
15       section (a), there are authorized to be appropriated such  
16       sums as are necessary to acquire lands and submerged  
17       lands on and adjacent to Cat Island, Mississippi.”.

        Passed the House of Representatives November 16,  
1999.

Attest:

JEFF TRANDAHL,

*Clerk.*