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AN ACT

To reauthorize and amend the National Fish and Wildlife
Foundation Establishment Act.

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 “National Fish and Wild-*
5 *life Foundation Establishment Act Amendments of 2000”.*

1 **SEC. 2. PURPOSES.**

2 *Section 2(b) of the National Fish and Wildlife Foun-*
 3 *dation Establishment Act (16 U.S.C. 3701(b)) is amended*
 4 *by striking paragraph (1) and inserting the following:*

5 “(1) to encourage, accept, and administer pri-
 6 *rate gifts of property for the benefit of, or in connec-*
 7 *tion with, the activities and services of the United*
 8 *States Fish and Wildlife Service and the National*
 9 *Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, to further*
 10 *the conservation and management of fish, wildlife,*
 11 *plants, and other natural resources;”.*

12 **SEC. 3. BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE FOUNDATION.**

13 *(a) ESTABLISHMENT AND MEMBERSHIP.—Section 3 of*
 14 *the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Establishment*
 15 *Act (16 U.S.C. 3702) is amended by striking subsection (a)*
 16 *and inserting the following:*

17 “(a) *ESTABLISHMENT AND MEMBERSHIP.—*

18 “(1) *IN GENERAL.—The Foundation shall have a*
 19 *governing Board of Directors (referred to in this Act*
 20 *as the ‘Board’), which shall consist of 25 Directors*
 21 *appointed in accordance with subsection (b), each of*
 22 *whom shall be a United States citizen.*

23 “(2) *REPRESENTATION OF DIVERSE POINTS OF*
 24 *VIEW.—To the maximum extent practicable, the mem-*
 25 *bership of the Board shall represent diverse points of*

1 *view relating to conservation and management of fish,*
 2 *wildlife, plants, and other natural resources.*

3 “(3) *NOT FEDERAL EMPLOYEES.*—*Appointment*
 4 *as a Director of the Foundation shall not constitute*
 5 *employment by, or the holding of an office of, the*
 6 *United States for the purpose of any Federal law.”.*

7 *(b) APPOINTMENT AND TERMS.*—*Section 3 of the Na-*
 8 *tional Fish and Wildlife Foundation Establishment Act (16*
 9 *U.S.C. 3702) is amended by striking subsection (b) and in-*
 10 *serting the following:*

11 “(b) *APPOINTMENT AND TERMS.*—

12 “(1) *AGENCY HEADS.*—*The Director of the*
 13 *United States Fish and Wildlife Service and the*
 14 *Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmos-*
 15 *phere shall be Directors of the Foundation.*

16 “(2) *APPOINTMENTS BY THE SECRETARY OF THE*
 17 *INTERIOR.*—

18 “(A) *IN GENERAL.*—*Subject to subpara-*
 19 *graph (B), after consulting with the Secretary of*
 20 *Commerce and considering the recommendations*
 21 *submitted by the Board, the Secretary of the In-*
 22 *terior shall appoint 23 Directors who meet the*
 23 *criteria established by subsection (a), of whom—*

1 “(i) at least 6 shall be educated or ex-
 2 perienced in fish, wildlife, or other natural
 3 resource conservation;

4 “(ii) at least 4 shall be educated or ex-
 5 perienced in the principles of fish, wildlife,
 6 or other natural resource management; and

7 “(iii) at least 4 shall be educated or ex-
 8 perienced in ocean and coastal resource con-
 9 servation.

10 “(B) *TRANSITION PROVISION.*—

11 “(i) *CONTINUATION OF TERMS.*—*The*
 12 *15 Directors serving on the Board as of the*
 13 *date of enactment of this paragraph shall*
 14 *continue to serve until the expiration of*
 15 *their terms.*

16 “(ii) *NEW DIRECTORS.*—*The Secretary*
 17 *of the Interior shall appoint 8 new Direc-*
 18 *tors; to the maximum extent practicable*
 19 *those appointments shall be made not later*
 20 *than 45 calendar days after the date of en-*
 21 *actment of this paragraph.*

22 “(3) *TERMS.*—

23 “(A) *IN GENERAL.*—*Subject to subpara-*
 24 *graph (B), each Director (other than a Director*

1 *described in paragraph (1)) shall be appointed*
 2 *for a term of 6 years.*

3 “(B) *INITIAL APPOINTMENTS TO NEW MEM-*
 4 *BER POSITIONS.—Of the Directors appointed by*
 5 *the Secretary of the Interior under paragraph*
 6 *(2)(B)(ii), the Secretary shall appoint—*

7 “(i) *2 Directors for a term of 2 years;*

8 “(ii) *3 Directors for a term of 4 years;*

9 *and*

10 “(iii) *3 Directors for a term of 6 years.*

11 “(4) *VACANCIES.—*

12 “(A) *IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the*
 13 *Interior shall fill a vacancy on the Board; to the*
 14 *maximum extent practicable the vacancy shall be*
 15 *filled not later than 45 calendar days after the*
 16 *occurrence of the vacancy.*

17 “(B) *TERM OF APPOINTMENTS TO FILL UN-*
 18 *EXPIRED TERMS.—An individual appointed to*
 19 *fill a vacancy that occurs before the expiration*
 20 *of the term of a Director shall be appointed for*
 21 *the remainder of the term.*

22 “(5) *REAPPOINTMENT.—An individual (other*
 23 *than an individual described in paragraph (1)) shall*
 24 *not serve more than 2 consecutive terms as a Director,*
 25 *excluding any term of less than 6 years.*

1 “(6) *REQUEST FOR REMOVAL.*—*The executive*
 2 *committee of the Board may submit to the Secretary*
 3 *a letter describing the nonperformance of a Director*
 4 *and requesting the removal of the Director from the*
 5 *Board.*

6 “(7) *CONSULTATION BEFORE REMOVAL.*—*Before*
 7 *removing any Director from the Board, the Secretary*
 8 *shall consult with the Secretary of Commerce.”.*

9 (c) *TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS.*—

10 (1) *Section 4(c)(5) of the National Fish and*
 11 *Wildlife Foundation Establishment Act (16 U.S.C.*
 12 *3703(c)(5)) is amended by striking “Directors of the*
 13 *Board” and inserting “Directors of the Foundation”.*

14 (2) *Section 6 of the National Fish and Wildlife*
 15 *Foundation Establishment Act (16 U.S.C. 3705) is*
 16 *amended by striking “Secretary” and inserting “Sec-*
 17 *retary of the Interior or the Secretary of Commerce”.*

18 (3) *Section 6 of the National Fish and Wildlife*
 19 *Foundation Establishment Act (16 U.S.C. 3705) is*
 20 *amended by inserting “or the Department of Com-*
 21 *merce” after “Department of the Interior”.*

22 **SEC. 4. RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF THE FOUNDATION.**

23 (a) *PRINCIPAL OFFICE OF THE FOUNDATION.*—*Section*
 24 *4(a)(3) of the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Es-*
 25 *tablishment Act (16 U.S.C. 3703(a)(3)) is amended by in-*

1 *serting after “the District of Columbia” the following: “or*
 2 *in a county in the State of Maryland or Virginia that bor-*
 3 *ders on the District of Columbia”.*

4 *(b) INVESTMENT AND DEPOSIT OF FEDERAL FUNDS.—*
 5 *Section 4(c) of the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation*
 6 *Establishment Act (16 U.S.C. 3703(c)) is amended—*

7 *(1) by redesignating paragraphs (3) through (7)*
 8 *as paragraphs (7) through (11), respectively; and*

9 *(2) by inserting after paragraph (2) the fol-*
 10 *lowing:*

11 *“(3) to invest any funds provided to the Founda-*
 12 *tion by the Federal Government in obligations of the*
 13 *United States or in obligations or securities that are*
 14 *guaranteed or insured by the United States;*

15 *“(4) to deposit any funds provided to the Foun-*
 16 *dation by the Federal Government into accounts that*
 17 *are insured by an agency or instrumentality of the*
 18 *United States;*

19 *“(5) to make use of any interest or investment*
 20 *income that accrues as a consequence of actions taken*
 21 *under paragraph (3) or (4) to carry out the purposes*
 22 *of the Foundation;*

23 *“(6) to use Federal funds to make payments*
 24 *under cooperative agreements entered into with will-*
 25 *ing private landowners to provide substantial long-*

1 *term benefits for the restoration or enhancement of*
 2 *fish, wildlife, plants, and other natural resources on*
 3 *private land;”.*

4 *(c) AGENCY APPROVAL OF ACQUISITIONS OF PROP-*
 5 *ERTY.—Section 4(e)(1) of the National Fish and Wildlife*
 6 *Foundation Establishment Act (16 U.S.C. 3703(e)(1)) is*
 7 *amended by striking subparagraph (B) and inserting the*
 8 *following:*

9 *“(B) the Foundation notifies the Federal agency*
 10 *that administers the program under which the funds*
 11 *were provided of the proposed acquisition, and the*
 12 *agency does not object in writing to the proposed ac-*
 13 *quisition within 60 calendar days after the date of the*
 14 *notification.”.*

15 *(d) REPEAL.—Section 304 of Public Law 102–440 (16*
 16 *U.S.C. 3703 note) is repealed.*

17 *(e) AGENCY APPROVAL OF CONVEYANCES AND*
 18 *GRANTS.—Section 4(e)(3)(B) of the National Fish and*
 19 *Wildlife Foundation Establishment Act (16 U.S.C.*
 20 *3703(e)(3)(B)) is amended by striking clause (ii) and in-*
 21 *serting the following:*

22 *“(ii) the Foundation notifies the Federal agency*
 23 *that administers the Federal program under which*
 24 *the funds were provided of the proposed conveyance or*
 25 *provision of Federal funds, and the agency does not*

1 *object in writing to the proposed conveyance or provi-*
 2 *sion of Federal funds within 60 calendar days after*
 3 *the date of the notification.”.*

4 *(f) RECONVEYANCE OF REAL PROPERTY.—Section 4(e)*
 5 *of the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Establish-*
 6 *ment Act (16 U.S.C. 3703(e)) is amended by striking para-*
 7 *graph (5) and inserting the following:*

8 *“(5) RECONVEYANCE OF REAL PROPERTY.—The*
 9 *Foundation shall convey at not less than fair market*
 10 *value any real property acquired by the Foundation*
 11 *in whole or in part with Federal funds if the Founda-*
 12 *tion notifies the Federal agency that administers the*
 13 *Federal program under which the funds were pro-*
 14 *vided, and the agency does not disagree within 60 cal-*
 15 *endar days after the date of the notification, that—*

16 *“(A) the property is no longer valuable for*
 17 *the purpose of conservation or management of*
 18 *fish, wildlife, plants, and other natural resources;*
 19 *and*

20 *“(B) the purposes of the Foundation would*
 21 *be better served by use of the proceeds of the con-*
 22 *veyance for other authorized activities of the*
 23 *Foundation.”.*

24 *(g) EXPENDITURES FOR PRINTING SERVICES OR CAP-*
 25 *ITAL EQUIPMENT.—Section 4 of the National Fish and*

1 *Wildlife Foundation Establishment Act (16 U.S.C. 3703)*
 2 *is amended by adding at the end the following:*

3 “(h) *EXPENDITURES FOR PRINTING SERVICES OR*
 4 *CAPITAL EQUIPMENT.—The Foundation shall not make*
 5 *any expenditure of Federal funds in connection with any*
 6 *1 transaction for printing services or capital equipment*
 7 *that is greater than \$10,000 unless the expenditure is ap-*
 8 *proved by the Federal agency that administers the Federal*
 9 *program under which the funds were provided.”.*

10 **SEC. 5. ANNUAL REPORTING OF GRANT DETAILS.**

11 *Section 7(b) of the National Fish and Wildlife Foun-*
 12 *dation Establishment Act (16 U.S.C. 3706(b)) is*
 13 *amended—*

14 *(1) by striking “Congress” and inserting “the*
 15 *Committee on Resources of the House of Representa-*
 16 *tives and the Committee on Environment and Public*
 17 *Works of the Senate”;* and

18 *(2) by adding at the end the following: “The re-*
 19 *port shall include a detailed statement of the recipi-*
 20 *ent, amount, and purpose of each grant made by the*
 21 *Foundation in the fiscal year.”.*

22 **SEC. 6. NOTICE OF GRANTS TO MEMBERS OF CONGRESS.**

23 *Section 4 of the National Fish and Wildlife Founda-*
 24 *tion Establishment Act (16 U.S.C. 3703) is further amend-*
 25 *ed by adding at the end the following:*

1 “(i) *NOTICE OF GRANTS TO MEMBERS OF CON-*
 2 *GRESS.—The Foundation may not make a grant of funds*
 3 *unless, by not later than 60 days before the grant is made,*
 4 *the Foundation provides notice of the grant to the Member*
 5 *of Congress for the congressional district in which the*
 6 *project to be funded with the grant will be conducted.”.*

7 **SEC. 7. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

8 *Section 10 of the National Fish and Wildlife Founda-*
 9 *tion Establishment Act (16 U.S.C. 3709) is amended by*
 10 *striking subsections (a), (b), and (c) and inserting the fol-*
 11 *lowing:*

12 “(a) *AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—*

13 “(1) *IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be*
 14 *appropriated to carry out this Act for each of fiscal*
 15 *years 2001 and 2002—*

16 “(A) *\$20,000,000 to the Department of the*
 17 *Interior; and*

18 “(B) *\$5,000,000 to the Department of Com-*
 19 *merce.*

20 “(2) *REQUIREMENT OF ADVANCE PAYMENT.—The*
 21 *amount made available for a fiscal year under para-*
 22 *graph (1) shall be provided to the Foundation in an*
 23 *advance payment of the entire amount on October 1,*
 24 *or as soon as practicable thereafter, of the fiscal year.*

1 “(3) *USE OF APPROPRIATED FUNDS.*—Subject to
 2 *paragraph (4), amounts made available under para-*
 3 *graph (1) shall be provided to the Foundation for use*
 4 *for matching, on a 1-to-1 basis, contributions (wheth-*
 5 *er in currency, services, or property) made to the*
 6 *Foundation by private persons and State and local*
 7 *government agencies.*

8 “(4) *PROHIBITION ON USE FOR ADMINISTRATIVE*
 9 *EXPENSES.*—No Federal funds made available under
 10 *paragraph (1) shall be used by the Foundation for*
 11 *administrative expenses of the Foundation, including*
 12 *for salaries, travel and transportation expenses, and*
 13 *other overhead expenses.*

14 “(b) *ADDITIONAL AUTHORIZATION.*—

15 “(1) *IN GENERAL.*—In addition to the amounts
 16 *authorized to be appropriated under subsection (a),*
 17 *the Foundation may accept Federal funds from a*
 18 *Federal agency under any other Federal law for use*
 19 *by the Foundation to further the conservation and*
 20 *management of fish, wildlife, plants, and other nat-*
 21 *ural resources in accordance with the requirements of*
 22 *this Act.*

23 “(2) *USE OF FUNDS ACCEPTED FROM FEDERAL*
 24 *AGENCIES.*—Federal funds provided to the Founda-
 25 *tion under paragraph (1) shall be used by the Foun-*

1 *dation for matching, in whole or in part, contribu-*
 2 *tions (whether in currency, services, or property)*
 3 *made to the Foundation by private persons and State*
 4 *and local government agencies.*

5 *“(c) PROHIBITION ON USE OF GRANT AMOUNTS FOR*
 6 *LITIGATION AND LOBBYING EXPENSES.—Amounts provided*
 7 *as a grant by the Foundation shall not be used for—*

8 *“(1) any expense related to litigation; or*

9 *“(2) any activity the purpose of which is to in-*
 10 *fluence legislation pending before Congress.”.*

11 **SEC. 8. LIMITATION ON AUTHORITY.**

12 *The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Establish-*
 13 *ment Act (16 U.S.C. 3701 et seq.) is amended by adding*
 14 *at the end the following:*

15 **“SEC. 11. LIMITATION ON AUTHORITY.**

16 *“Nothing in this Act authorizes the Foundation to per-*
 17 *form any function the authority for which is provided to*
 18 *the National Park Foundation by Public Law 90–209 (16*
 19 *U.S.C. 19e et seq.).”.*

20 **SEC. 9. PROHIBITION ON USE OF GRANT AMOUNTS FOR IN-**
 21 **TRODUCTION OF WOLVES OR GRIZZLY BEARS.**

22 *Section 10 of the National Fish and Wildlife Founda-*
 23 *tion Establishment Act (16 U.S.C. 3709) is amended by*
 24 *adding at the end the following:*

1 “(d) *PROHIBITION ON USE OF GRANT AMOUNTS FOR*
2 *INTRODUCTION OF WOLVES OR GRIZZLY BEARS.—Amounts*
3 *provided as a grant by the Foundation shall not be used*
4 *for any activity related to the introduction of wolves or griz-*
5 *zly bears in Idaho, Montana, Utah, or Wyoming.*”.

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