

108TH CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 4869

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 20, 2004

Mr. GILCHREST 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 “Prescott Marine Mam-  
5       mal Stranding Program Amendments of 2004”.

1 **SEC. 2. AUTHORIZATIONS OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR JOHN**  
2 **H. PRESCOTT MARINE MAMMAL RESCUE AS-**  
3 **SISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM.**

4 (a) GRANT PROGRAM.—Section 408(h) of the Marine  
5 Mammal Protection Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. 1421f–1(h))  
6 is amended by striking “fiscal years 2001 through 2003”  
7 and inserting “fiscal years 2005 through 2010”.

8 (b) MARINE MAMMAL UNUSUAL MORTALITY EVENT  
9 FUND.—Section 409(3) of such Act (16 U.S.C. 1421g(3))  
10 is amended by striking “\$500,000 for fiscal year 1993”  
11 and inserting “\$125,000 for each of fiscal years 2005  
12 through 2010”.

13 (c) ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS AND EXPENSES.—Sec-  
14 tion 408 of such Act (16 U.S.C. 1421f–1) is amended—

15 (1) by adding at the end of subsection (a)(1)  
16 the following: “All funds available to implement this  
17 section shall be distributed to eligible stranding net-  
18 work participants for the purposes set forth in this  
19 paragraph, except as provided in subsection (f).”;  
20 and

21 (2) by amending subsection (f) to read as fol-  
22 lows:

23 “(f) ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS AND EXPENSES.—Of  
24 the amounts available each fiscal year to carry out this  
25 section, the Secretary may expend not more than 6 per-  
26 cent or \$80,000, whichever is greater, to pay the adminis-

1 trative costs and administrative expenses to implement the  
2 grant program under subsection (a). Any such funds re-  
3 tained by the Secretary for a fiscal year for such costs  
4 and expenses that are not used for such costs and ex-  
5 penses before the end of the fiscal year shall be provided  
6 as grants under subsection (a).”.

7 (d) CONTRIBUTIONS.—Section 408 of such Act (16  
8 U.S.C. 1421f–1) is further amended by adding at the end  
9 the following:

10 “(i) CONTRIBUTIONS.—For purposes of carrying out  
11 this section, the Secretary may solicit, accept, receive,  
12 hold, administer, and use gifts, devises, and bequests.”.

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