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AN ACT

To direct the Secretary of the Interior to continue stocking
fish in certain lakes in the North Cascades National
Park, Ross Lake National Recreation Area, and Lake
Chelan National Recreation Area.

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. FINDINGS; PURPOSE.**

4 (a) ~~FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:~~

1 (1) The North Cascades complex contains 245
2 mountain lakes, of which 91 have been historically
3 stocked with fish.

4 (2) In many cases, the stocking of fish in these
5 lakes dates back to the 1800s.

6 (3) This practice has been important to the
7 economy of the area because of the recreational op-
8 portunities it creates.

9 (4) During congressional hearings on the des-
10 ignation of the North Cascades National Park, the
11 Department of the Interior indicated that the prac-
12 tice of fish stocking would be continued if the area
13 became a unit of the National Park Service system.

14 (5) Since designation of the National Park in
15 1968, the stocking of certain lakes has continued
16 under various agreements between the National
17 Park Service and the State of Washington.

18 (6) An Environmental Impact Statement com-
19 pleted by the National Park Service recommends
20 continued stocking of up to 42 of the lakes that have
21 historically been stocked with fish.

22 (b) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this Act is to clarify
23 the continued authority of the National Park Service to
24 allow the stocking of fish in certain lakes in the North

1 Cascades National Park, Ross Lake National Recreation
 2 Area, and Lake Chelan National Recreation Area.

3 **SEC. 2. STOCKING OF CERTAIN LAKES IN NORTH CAS-**
 4 **CADES NATIONAL PARK, ROSS LAKE NA-**
 5 **TIONAL RECREATION AREA, AND LAKE CHE-**
 6 **LAN NATIONAL RECREATION AREA.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Interior, act-
 8 ing through the Director of the National Park Service,
 9 shall authorize the stocking of fish in lakes in the North
 10 Cascades National Park, Ross Lake National Recreation
 11 Area, and Lake Chelan National Recreation Area.

12 (b) CONDITIONS.—The following conditions shall
 13 apply to stocking of lakes under subsection (a):

14 (1) The Secretary is authorized to allow stock-
 15 ing in not more than 42 of the 91 lakes which have
 16 historically been stocked with fish.

17 (2) The Secretary shall only stock fish that
 18 are—

19 (A) native to the watershed; or

20 (B) functionally sterile.

1 ~~(3) The Secretary shall coordinate the stocking~~
 2 ~~of fish with the State of Washington.~~

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 *This Act may be cited as the “North Cascades National*
 5 *Park Service Complex Fish Stocking Act”.*

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 *In this Act:*

8 (1) *NORTH CASCADES NATIONAL PARK SERVICE*
 9 *COMPLEX.—The term “North Cascades National Park*
 10 *Service Complex” means collectively the North Cas-*
 11 *cades National Park, Ross Lake National Recreation*
 12 *Area, and Lake Chelan National Recreation Area.*

13 (2) *PLAN.—The term “plan” means the docu-*
 14 *ment entitled “North Cascades National Park Service*
 15 *Complex Mountain Lakes Fishery Management Plan*
 16 *and Environmental Impact Statement” and dated*
 17 *June 2008.*

18 (3) *SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means*
 19 *the Secretary of the Interior.*

20 **SEC. 3. STOCKING OF CERTAIN LAKES IN THE NORTH CAS-**
 21 **CADES NATIONAL PARK SERVICE COMPLEX.**

22 (a) *IN GENERAL.—Subject to subsection (b), the Sec-*
 23 *retary shall authorize the stocking of fish in lakes in the*
 24 *North Cascades National Park Service Complex.*

25 (b) *CONDITIONS.—*

1 (1) *IN GENERAL.*—*The Secretary is authorized to*
 2 *allow stocking of fish in not more than 42 of the 91*
 3 *lakes in the North Cascades National Park Service*
 4 *Complex that have historically been stocked with fish.*

5 (2) *NATIVE NONREPRODUCING FISH.*—*The Sec-*
 6 *retary shall only stock fish that are—*

7 (A) *native to the slope of the Cascade Range*
 8 *on which the lake to be stocked is located; and*

9 (B) *nonreproducing, as identified in man-*
 10 *agement alternative B of the plan.*

11 (3) *CONSIDERATIONS.*—*In making fish stocking*
 12 *decisions under this Act, the Secretary shall make use*
 13 *of relevant scientific information, including the plan*
 14 *and information gathered under subsection (c).*

15 (4) *REQUIRED COORDINATION.*—*The Secretary*
 16 *shall coordinate the stocking of fish under this Act*
 17 *with the State of Washington.*

18 (c) *RESEARCH AND MONITORING.*—*The Secretary*
 19 *shall—*

20 (1) *continue a program of research and moni-*
 21 *toring of the impacts of fish stocking on the resources*
 22 *of the applicable unit of the North Cascades National*
 23 *Park Service Complex; and*

24 (2) *beginning on the date that is 5 years after*
 25 *the date of enactment of this Act and every 5 years*

1 *thereafter, submit to the Committee on Energy and*
2 *Natural Resources of the Senate and the Committee*
3 *on Natural Resources of the House of Representatives*
4 *a report that describes the results of the research and*
5 *monitoring under paragraph (1).*

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