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H. R. 826

To prohibit the Corps of Engineers from taking any action to establish a restricted area prohibiting public access to waters downstream of a dam, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 26, 2013

Mr. WHITFIELD introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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 “Freedom to Fish Act
5 of 2013”.

6 **SEC. 2. RESTRICTED AREAS AT CORPS OF ENGINEERS**
7 **DAMS.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Army, acting
9 through the Chief of Engineers, shall not take any action

1 to establish a restricted area prohibiting public access to
2 waters downstream of a dam owned by the Corps of Engi-
3 neers.

4 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (2),
6 this section shall apply to an action described in sub-
7 section (a) on or after August 1, 2012.

8 (2) EXISTING RESTRICTIONS.—If the Secretary
9 of the Army, acting through the Chief of Engineers,
10 has taken an action described in subsection (a) dur-
11 ing the period beginning on August 1, 2012, and
12 ending on the date of enactment of this Act, the
13 Secretary shall—

14 (A) cease implementing the restricted area
15 resulting from the action; and

16 (B) remove any barriers constructed in
17 connection with the restricted area.

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