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[Report No. 113–60]

To amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate a segment of the Beaver, Chipuxet, Queen, Wood, and Pawcatuck Rivers in the States of Connecticut and Rhode Island for study for potential addition to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 14, 2013

Mr. REED (for himself, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Mr. MURPHY) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

JUNE 27, 2013

Reported by Mr. WYDEN, without amendment

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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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Wood-Pawcatuck Wa-
3 tershed Protection Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. BEAVER, CHIPUXET, QUEEN, WOOD, AND**
5 **PAWCATUCK RIVERS STUDY.**

6 (a) DESIGNATION FOR STUDY.—Section 5(a) of the
7 Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (16 U.S.C. 1276(a)) is amend-
8 ed by adding at the end the following:

9 “(141) BEAVER, CHIPUXET, QUEEN, WOOD,
10 AND PAWCATUCK RIVERS, RHODE ISLAND AND CON-
11 NECTICUT.—The following segments:

12 “(A) The approximately 10-mile segment
13 of the Beaver River from the headwaters in Ex-
14 eter, Rhode Island, to the confluence with the
15 Pawcatuck River.

16 “(B) The approximately 5-mile segment of
17 the Chipuxet River from Hundred Acre Pond to
18 the outlet into Worden Pond.

19 “(C) The approximately 10-mile segment
20 of the upper Queen River from the headwaters
21 to the Usquepaugh Dam in South Kingstown,
22 Rhode Island, including all tributaries of the
23 upper Queen River.

24 “(D) The approximately 5-mile segment of
25 the lower Queen (Usquepaugh) River from the

1 Usquepaugh Dam to the confluence with the
2 Pawcatuck River.

3 “(E) The approximately 11-mile segment
4 of the upper Wood River from the headwaters
5 to Skunk Hill Road in Richmond and
6 Hopkinton, Rhode Island, including all tribu-
7 taries of the upper Wood River.

8 “(F) The approximately 10-mile segment
9 of the lower Wood River from Skunk Hill Road
10 to the confluence with the Pawcatuck River.

11 “(G) The approximately 28-mile segment
12 of the Pawcatuck River from Worden Pond to
13 Nooseneck Hill Road (Rhode Island Rte 3) in
14 Hopkinton and Westerly, Rhode Island.

15 “(H) The approximately 7-mile segment of
16 the lower Pawcatuck River from Nooseneck Hill
17 Road to Pawcatuck Rock, Stonington, Con-
18 necticut, and Westerly, Rhode Island.”.

19 (b) STUDY AND REPORT.—Section 5(b) of the Wild
20 and Scenic Rivers Act (16 U.S.C. 1276(b)) is amended
21 by adding at the end the following:

22 “(20) BEAVER, CHIPUXET, QUEEN, WOOD, AND
23 PAWCATUCK RIVERS, RHODE ISLAND AND CON-
24 NECTICUT.—Not later than 3 years after the date on

1 which funds are made available to carry out this
2 paragraph, the Secretary of the Interior shall—

3 “(A) complete the study of the Beaver,
4 Chipuxet, Queen, Wood, and Pawcatuck Rivers,
5 Rhode Island and Connecticut, described in
6 subsection (a)(141); and

7 “(B) submit to the appropriate committees
8 of Congress a report that describes the results
9 of the study.”.

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