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H. R. 6687

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural
Resources

AN ACT

To direct the Secretary of the Interior to manage the Point Reyes National Seashore in the State of California consistently with Congress' long-standing intent to continue to authorize working dairies and ranches on agricultural property as part of the seashore's unique historic, cultural, scenic and natural values, and for other purposes.

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. MANAGEMENT OF AGRICULTURAL PROPERTY**

4 **IN POINT REYES NATIONAL SEASHORE.**

5 Public Law 87–657 (16 U.S.C. 459c, et seq.) is
 6 amended as follows:

7 (1) In section 5(b) (16 U.S.C. 459c–5(b))—

8 (A) in the first sentence, by striking “As
 9 used in” and inserting the following:

10 “(1) As used in”;

11 (B) by striking “The term ‘agricultural
 12 property’ as used” and inserting the following:

13 “(2) The term ‘agricultural property’ as used”;

14 (C) by striking “means lands which were
 15 in regular use” and inserting “means—

16 “(A) lands under agricultural lease or permit as
 17 of September 1, 2018, or lands that were in regular
 18 use”; and

19 (D) by striking the period at the end and
 20 inserting “; and

21 “(B) on the northern district of the Golden
 22 Gate National Recreation Area, lands under agricul-
 23 tural lease or permit as of September 1, 2018, or
 24 lands that were in regular use for, or were being
 25 converted to, agricultural, ranching, or dairying pur-

1 poses as of May 1, 1978, together with residential
2 and other structures related to the above uses of the
3 property that were in existence or under construc-
4 tion as of May 1, 1978.”.

5 (2) In section 5 (16 U.S.C. 459c–5)—

6 (A) by inserting before subsection (a) the
7 following:

8 “(a) The Secretary shall manage agricultural prop-
9 erty consistent with Congress’ long-standing intent that
10 working dairies and ranches continue to be authorized to
11 operate on agricultural property as part of the seashore’s
12 unique historic, cultural, scenic and natural values.”; and

13 (B) by redesignating subsequent sub-
14 sections accordingly.

15 (3) In section 6 (16 U.S.C. 459c–6), by adding
16 at the end the following:

17 “(c)(1) In areas of agricultural property where Tule
18 Elk present conflicts with working ranches or dairies, the
19 Secretary shall manage the Tule Elk for separation from
20 the working ranches or dairies. To minimize the conflicts
21 and prevent establishment of new Tule Elk herds on agri-
22 cultural property, the Secretary may work with Indian
23 Tribes interested in the following:

1 “(A) Partnering with the Secretary in the relo-
2 cation and reestablishment of Tule Elk on Tribal
3 lands.

4 “(B) Participating in hunting Tule Elk on a
5 subsistence or ceremonial basis.

6 “(C) Other partnerships and activities that the
7 Secretary determines are suitable and feasible for
8 this purpose.

9 “(2) Nothing in this subsection reduces or diminishes
10 the authority of the Secretary to use other existing au-
11 thorities or management tools to separate Tule Elk from
12 agricultural property.”.

13 (4) By adding at the end, the following:

14 “SEC. 10. Consistent with the purposes of this Act,
15 including section 5(a), the Secretary is directed to com-
16 plete, without delay, the General Management Plan
17 Amendment for Point Reyes National Seashore and the
18 northern district of Golden Gate National Recreation
19 Area, its Environmental Impact Statement, and, upon
20 completion of the Record of Decision, issue leases and spe-
21 cial use permits of 20 years for working dairies and
22 ranches on agricultural property. Nothing in this Act re-
23 quires the Secretary to issue leases and special use permits
24 of 20 years in circumstances where there is no willing les-

1 see, or to a previous lessee who has abandoned or discon-
2 tinued ranching.”.

Passed the House of Representatives September 25,
2018.

Attest:

KAREN L. HAAS,

Clerk.