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H. R. 6057

To prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species in western waters, and
for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MCADAMS (for himself and Mr. TIPTON) introduced the following bill;
which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastruc-
ture, and in addition to the Committee on Natural Resources, for a pe-
riod to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for con-
sideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the com-
mittee concerned

A BILL

To prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species in western
waters, 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Stop the Spread of
5 Invasive Mussels Act of 2020”.

6 **SEC. 2. BUREAU OF RECLAMATION ASSISTANCE.**

7 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

1 (1) AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES.—The term
2 “aquatic invasive species” has the meaning given the
3 term “aquatic nuisance species” in section 1003 of
4 the Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance Prevention and
5 Control Act of 1990 (16 U.S.C. 4702).

6 (2) RECLAMATION STATE.—The term “reclama-
7 tion State” has the meaning given the term in sec-
8 tion 4014 of the Water Infrastructure Improvements
9 for the Nation Act (43 U.S.C. 390b note; Public
10 Law 114–322).

11 (3) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
12 the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the
13 Commissioner of Reclamation.

14 (b) WATERCRAFT INSPECTION IN RECLAMATION
15 STATES.—The Secretary shall provide financial assistance
16 to a reclamation State to prevent the spread of aquatic
17 invasive species into and out of reservoirs operated and
18 maintained by the Secretary, including financial assistance
19 to purchase, establish, operate, or maintain a watercraft
20 inspection and decontamination station that has the high-
21 est likelihood of preventing the spread of aquatic invasive
22 species at reservoirs operated and maintained by the Sec-
23 retary, if the Secretary determines that the financial as-
24 sistance is—

25 (1) necessary; and

1 (2) in the interests of the United States.

2 (c) COST SHARE.—The non-Federal share of the cost
3 of purchasing, establishing, operating, and maintaining a
4 watercraft inspection and decontamination station (includ-
5 ing a non-Federal watercraft inspection and decontamina-
6 tion station) under subsection (b), including personnel
7 costs, shall be—

8 (1) not less than 50 percent; and

9 (2) provided by the reclamation State, or a unit
10 of local government in the reclamation State, in
11 which the watercraft inspection and decontamination
12 station or other project is located.

13 (d) PRIORITY.—In providing financial assistance to
14 a reclamation State under subsection (b), the Secretary
15 shall give priority to a project that—

16 (1) would prevent the spread of an aquatic
17 invasive species to waters under the jurisdiction of
18 the Secretary, including an irrigation, reclamation,
19 or other water project; and

20 (2) aligns with—

21 (A) priorities of the reclamation State; and

22 (B) the document submitted to the Aquatic
23 Nuisance Species Task Force entitled “Quagga-
24 Zebra Mussel Action Plan for Western U.S.
25 Waters” and dated February 2010.

1 (e) COORDINATION.—In carrying out this section, the
2 Secretary shall consult and coordinate with—

3 (1) each of the reclamation States;

4 (2) affected Indian Tribes; and

5 (3) the heads of appropriate Federal agencies.

6 (f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
7 authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
8 \$25,000,000 for fiscal year 2020 and each fiscal year
9 thereafter.

10 **SEC. 3. WATERCRAFT INSPECTION AND DECONTAMINA-**
11 **TION AUTHORITY.**

12 (a) MANDATORY INSPECTION AND DECONTAMINA-
13 TION.—

14 (1) DEFINITION OF TASK FORCE AGENCY.—In
15 this subsection, the term “task force agency” means
16 any Federal agency the head of which is a member
17 of the Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force under
18 section 1201(b) of the Nonindigenous Aquatic Nui-
19 sance Prevention and Control Act of 1990 (16
20 U.S.C. 4721(b)).

21 (2) MANDATORY INSPECTION AND DECON-
22 TINATION.—To limit the movement of aquatic
23 invasive species (as defined in section 2(a)) into or
24 out of the waters of the United States, each task

1 force agency may, as appropriate and in consultation
2 with State wildlife management agencies—

3 (A) conduct mandatory inspections and de-
4 contamination of watercraft; and

5 (B) if necessary, impound, quarantine, or
6 otherwise prevent entry of a watercraft.

7 (b) AQUATIC NUISANCE SPECIES TASK FORCE.—
8 Section 1201(b) of the Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance
9 Prevention and Control Act of 1990 (16 U.S.C. 4721(b))
10 is amended—

11 (1) in paragraph (6), by striking “and” at the
12 end;

13 (2) by redesignating paragraph (7) as para-
14 graph (10); and

15 (3) by inserting after paragraph (6) the fol-
16 lowing:

17 “(7) the Director of the National Park Service;

18 “(8) the Director of the Bureau of Land Man-
19 agement;

20 “(9) the Commissioner of Reclamation; and”.

21 (c) AQUATIC NUISANCE SPECIES PROGRAM.—Sec-
22 tion 1202 of the Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance Preven-
23 tion and Control Act of 1990 (16 U.S.C. 4722) is amend-
24 ed—

25 (1) in subsection (b)—

1 (A) in paragraph (5), by striking “and” at
2 the end;

3 (B) in paragraph (6), by striking the pe-
4 riod at the end and inserting “; and”; and

5 (C) by adding at the end the following:

6 “(7) not later than 90 days after the date of
7 enactment of the Stop the Spread of Invasive Mus-
8 sels Act of 2020, recommend legislative or regu-
9 latory changes to eliminate remaining gaps in au-
10 thorities between members of the Task Force to ef-
11 fectively manage and control the movement of aquat-
12 ic nuisance species into or out of waters of the
13 United States.”; and

14 (2) in subsection (e)—

15 (A) in paragraph (1)—

16 (i) in the first sentence, by inserting
17 “, economy, infrastructure,” after “envi-
18 ronment”; and

19 (ii) in the second sentence, by insert-
20 ing “(including through the use of
21 watercraft inspection and decontamination
22 stations)” after “aquatic nuisance spe-
23 cies”; and

1 (B) in paragraph (2), in the second sen-
 2 tence, by inserting “infrastructure, and the”
 3 after “ecosystems,”.

4 **SEC. 4. TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS.**

5 Section 104(d) of the River and Harbor Act of 1958
 6 (33 U.S.C. 610(d)) is amended—

7 (1) in the subsection heading, by inserting
 8 “AND DECONTAMINATION” after “INSPECTION”;

9 (2) in paragraph (1)—

10 (A) in subparagraph (A)—

11 (i) in the subparagraph heading, by
 12 inserting “AND DECONTAMINATION” after
 13 “INSPECTION”; and

14 (ii) in clause (iii), by striking “Ari-
 15 zona” and inserting “Arkansas”; and

16 (B) by striking subparagraph (B) and in-
 17 serting the following:

18 “(B) LOCATIONS.—The Secretary shall
 19 place watercraft inspection and decontamination
 20 stations under subparagraph (A) at locations
 21 with the highest likelihood of preventing the
 22 spread of aquatic invasive species into and out
 23 of waters of the United States, as determined
 24 by the Secretary in consultation with the Gov-

1 ernors and entities described in paragraph
2 (3).”; and
3 (3) by striking “watercraft inspection stations”
4 each place it appears and inserting “watercraft in-
5 spection and decontamination stations”.

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