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To require the Secretary of the Army to consult with stakeholders in determining the scope of contracts entered into for the purposes of maintenance dredging, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MULLIN (for himself, Mr. EZELL, and Mr. WEBER of Texas) 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 “Dredging Coordination
5 Improvement Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. MAINTENANCE DREDGING REQUIREMENTS.**

7 (a) CONSULTATION AND PRIORITIZATION.—In deter-
8 mining the scope and performance timeline to be included

1 in any contract entered into on or after the date of enact-
2 ment of this Act with an entity to carry out maintenance
3 dredging, the Secretary—

4 (1) shall—

5 (A) consult with stakeholders, including
6 the applicable non-Federal sponsor and other
7 relevant entities determined by the Secretary;
8 and

9 (B) the extent practicable, prioritize the
10 completion of maintenance dredging in waters
11 used for commercial and navigation activities,
12 maintenance dredging that is needed for emer-
13 gencies, maintenance dredging that is needed to
14 accommodate environmental windows (as de-
15 fined by the Secretary), and maintenance
16 dredging that supports other activities in which
17 there is an important national interest before
18 the completion of maintenance dredging in
19 waters used primarily for other activities, such
20 as recreation, or for purposes other than to fa-
21 cilitate commerce or navigation; and

22 (2) notwithstanding paragraph (1), may deter-
23 mine the scope and performance timeline to be in-
24 cluded in such contract without consultation with
25 stakeholders that are not a party to such contract,

1 if the Secretary determines that an emergency exists
2 or there is an important national interest at stake.

3 (b) COMMUNICATION.—Upon receiving information
4 about changes with respect to the performance of mainte-
5 nance dredging and determining that such changes are
6 reasonably likely to affect the period of performance of
7 a contract for such dredging, the Secretary shall notify
8 the applicable non-Federal sponsor of such changes not
9 later than the third business day after the date on which
10 the Secretary received such information.

11 (c) CAPABILITY NUMBERS.—With respect to any
12 maintenance dredging activity, the Secretary shall, upon
13 request, make the respective capability numbers for such
14 activities available to the non-Federal sponsor of such ac-
15 tivity.

16 (d) SECRETARY DEFINED.—In this section, the term
17 “Secretary” means the Secretary of the Army, acting
18 through the Chief of Engineers

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