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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. STRICKLAND introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

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## 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. CONVEYANCE TO NISQUALLY INDIAN TRIBE OF**  
4 **CLEAR CREEK HATCHERY INFRASTRUCTURE.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the  
6 date of the enactment of this section, the Secretary shall  
7 convey to the Nisqually Indian Tribe all right, title, and  
8 interest of the United States in and to the covered infra-  
9 structure.

1 (b) REQUIREMENTS.—The conveyance required  
2 under subsection (a) shall be—

3 (1) subject to valid existing rights; and

4 (2) for no consideration.

5 (c) MAP AND LEGAL DESCRIPTION.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—As soon as practicable after  
7 the date of the enactment of this section, the Sec-  
8 retary shall finalize a map and a legal description of  
9 each item to be conveyed under this section.

10 (2) CONTROLLING DOCUMENT.—In the case of  
11 a discrepancy between the map and the legal de-  
12 scription created under paragraph (1), the map shall  
13 control.

14 (3) CORRECTIONS.—The Secretary and the  
15 Nisqually Indian Tribe, by mutual agreement, may  
16 correct any minor errors in the map or the legal de-  
17 scription created under paragraph (1).

18 (4) AVAILABILITY.—The map and the legal de-  
19 scription created under paragraph (1) shall be kept  
20 on file and available for public inspection in each ap-  
21 propriate office of the United States Fish and Wild-  
22 life Service.

23 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

24 (1) CLEAR CREEK HATCHERY.—The term  
25 “Clear Creek Hatchery” means the area generally

1 depicted as “Clear Creek Hatchery” on each covered  
2 map.

3 (2) COVERED INFRASTRUCTURE.—

4 (A) IN GENERAL.—The term “covered in-  
5 frastructure” means each of the following items  
6 generally depicted on a covered map:

- 7 (i) Asphalt Pond #11.
- 8 (ii) Asphalt Pond #13.
- 9 (iii) Asphalt Pond #14.
- 10 (iv) Asphalt Pond #15.
- 11 (v) Asphalt Pond #16.
- 12 (vi) Clear Creek Spring.
- 13 (vii) Dam 1.
- 14 (viii) Dam 2.
- 15 (ix) Fish Ladder.
- 16 (x) Hillside Spring.
- 17 (xi) Incubation Room.
- 18 (xii) Lower Forebay.
- 19 (xiii) Lower Site Discharge.
- 20 (xiv) Pollution Abatement Ponds.
- 21 (xv) Raceways.
- 22 (xvi) Spring 1.
- 23 (xvii) Spring 2.
- 24 (xviii) Spring 3.
- 25 (xix) Upper Forebay.

1 (xx) Upper Site Re-Use Flow.

2 (xxi) Water Tower.

3 (xxii) Well 1.

4 (xxiii) Well 2.

5 (xxiv) Well 3.

6 (xxv) Well 4.

7 (xxvi) Well 5.

8 (B) INCLUSION.—The term “covered infra-  
9 structure” includes—

10 (i) each pipe, electrical and commu-  
11 nication conduit, and other infrastructure  
12 within the Clear Creek Hatchery associ-  
13 ated with each item described in subpara-  
14 graph (A); and

15 (ii) each security fence and road with-  
16 in the Clear Creek Hatchery.

17 (3) COVERED MAP.—The term “covered map”  
18 means each of the following maps:

19 (A) The map titled “Nisqually Indian  
20 Tribe Clear Creek Hatchery Lower Site” and  
21 dated December 3, 2024.

22 (B) The map titled “Nisqually Indian  
23 Tribe Clear Creek Hatchery Upper Site” and  
24 dated December 3, 2024.

1           (4) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means  
2           the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Di-  
3           rector of the United States Fish and Wildlife Serv-  
4           ice.

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