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To prescribe requirements relating to the management of the consolidated Federal asset commonly known as Plum Island, New York, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, and Mr. MURPHY) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

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 “Plum Island Preserva-
5 tion Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. PERMANENT PRESERVATION OF PLUM ISLAND,** 7 **NEW YORK.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—The consolidated Federal asset
9 commonly known as Plum Island, New York, and all asso-

1 ciated real and personal properties, including the Orient
 2 Point, New York, terminal and facilities (referred to in
 3 this section as “Plum Island”), shall be protected in per-
 4 petuity for the purposes of—

- 5 (1) ecological conservation;
- 6 (2) discovery and celebration of the historical
 7 and cultural heritage of Plum Island; and
- 8 (3) maintaining access to Plum Island.

9 (b) REQUIREMENT.—Not later than 180 days after
 10 the date of enactment of this Act, the Administrator of
 11 General Services (referred to in this section as the “Ad-
 12 ministrator”), in consultation with the Secretary of Home-
 13 land Security, the Secretary of the Interior, relevant Fed-
 14 eral and State agencies, Tribal governments, and other
 15 stakeholders, shall initiate a process to commence formal
 16 visioning sessions that may form the basis for a future
 17 ecological management plan for Plum Island in accordance
 18 with subsection (a).

19 (c) REPORTS.—Not later than 2 years after the date
 20 on which the Administrator, in consultation with the Sec-
 21 retary of Homeland Security, the Secretary of the Interior,
 22 relevant Federal and State agencies, Tribal governments,
 23 and other stakeholders, initiates the process required
 24 under subsection (b), and each year thereafter until the
 25 date that is 1 year after the date on which the visioning

1 sessions required under that subsection are completed, the
 2 Administrator shall submit to the Committees on Home-
 3 land Security and Governmental Affairs and Energy and
 4 Natural Resources of the Senate and the Committees on
 5 Energy and Commerce, Natural Resources, and Oversight
 6 and Accountability of the House of Representatives a re-
 7 port that describes—

8 (1) the Federal and State agencies, Tribal gov-
 9 ernments, and other stakeholders consulted during
 10 those visioning sessions;

11 (2) the items discussed or reviewed during that
 12 process for the period covered by the applicable re-
 13 port;

14 (3) the outcomes of that process, or expected
 15 outcomes if the process is ongoing;

16 (4) if that process is not completed, the esti-
 17 mated timeline for completion; and

18 (5) if that process is completed, the rec-
 19 ommendations from those visioning sessions that
 20 may form the basis for a future ecological manage-
 21 ment plan for Plum Island.

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