Prime Minister Begin at Camp David where the 3 leaders engaged in 13 days of negotiations that resulted in the "Framework for Peace in the Middle East" (commonly known as the "Camp David Accords").

(13) Following negotiations, President Sadat and Prime Minister Begin signed the Egypt-Israel Peace Treaty (in this section referred to as the "Peace Treaty") at the White House on March 26, 1979. Addressing President Sadat at the signing of the Peace Treaty, which remains an important anchor for peace in the region today, Prime Minister Begin commended President Sadat by saying, "In the face of adversity and hostility, you have demonstrated the human value that can change history—civil courage".

(14) The Peace Treaty featured mutual recognition of each country by the other and ultimately the cessation of the state of war that had existed between Israel and Egypt since the 1948 Arab-Israeli War. Israel completely withdrew its armed forces and civilians from the rest of the Sinai.

(15) In 1978, both President Sadat and Prime Minister Begin were awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for signing the Peace Treaty, which made Egypt the first Arab country to officially recognize Israel.

(16) While presenting the Nobel Peace Prize to President Sadat, Aase Lionaes, Chairman of the Norwegian Nobel Committee, said, "During the 30 preceding years, the peoples of the Middle East have, on 4 separate occasions, been the victims of warfare and there seemed no prospect of peace. President Sadat's great contribution to peace was that he had sufficient courage and foresight to break away from this vicious circle. His decision to accept Prime Minister Menachem Begin's invitation of November 17, 1977, to attend a meeting of the Israeli parliament on November 19 was an act of great courage, both from a personal and from a political point of view. This was a dramatic break with the past and a courageous step forward into a new age"

(17) During his Nobel lecture, President Sadat remarked, "I made my trip because I am convinced that we owe it to this generation and the generations to come not to leave a stone unturned in our pursuit of peace".

(18) In remarks to the People's Assembly in Cairo on March 10, 1979, President Carter praised President Sadat, telling the Assembly, "Your President has demonstrated the power of human courage and human vision to create hope where there had been only despair.". President Carter also said that the Peace Treaty would "strengthen cooperation between Egypt and the United States" and underscored the support of the United States for the agreement, saying, "I fully share and will support President Sadat's belief that stability must be maintained in this part of the world . . . He and I recognize that the security of this vital region is being challenged. I applaud his determination to meet that challenge, and my Government will stand with him".

(19) The signing of the Peace Treaty enraged many individuals who opposed normalized relations with Israel. President Sadat was assassinated on October 6, 1981, by Khalid Islambouli, a member of Egyptian Islamic Jihad. President Sadat was well aware of the controversy to which his actions would lead, but pushed for peace anyway.

(20) Upon the death of President Sadat, President Ronald Reagan proclaimed, "President Sadat was a courageous man whose vision and wisdom brought nations and people together. In a world filled with hatred, he was a man of hope. In a world trapped in the animosities of the past, he was a man of foresight, a man who sought to

improve a world tormented by malice and pettiness".

(21) President Sadat is recognized in the United States and throughout the world as a respected leader and champion of peace whose vision provided a roadmap for the peaceful resolution of conflict that endures nearly 40 years after its inception.

(22) President Sadat bravely reached out to Israel and dedicated himself to peace, furthering the national security of Egypt and the stability of the Middle East.

(23) On the 30th anniversary of the Peace Treaty, President Barack Obama praised the enduring legacy of the Camp David Accords and the "courage and foresight of these leaders, who stood together in unity to change the course of our shared history". President Obama closed by saying, "Today, as we seek to expand the circle of peace among Arabs and Israelis, we take inspiration from what Israel and Egypt achieved 3 decades ago, knowing that the destination is worthy of the struggle".

(24) The Camp David Accords and the Peace Treaty continue to serve the interests of the United States by preserving peace and serving as a foundation for partnership and dialogue in a region fraught with conflict and division

SEC. 3. CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL.

(a) AWARD AUTHORIZED.—The Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President pro tempore of the Senate shall make appropriate arrangements for the post-humous award, on behalf of Congress, of a gold medal of appropriate design to Anwar Sadat in recognition of his achievements and heroic actions to attain comprehensive peace in the Middle East.

(b) DESIGN AND STRIKING.—For the purpose of the award referred to in subsection (a), the Secretary of the Treasury (referred to in this Act as the "Secretary") shall strike a gold medal with suitable emblems, devices, and inscriptions to be determined by the Secretary.

(c) Presentation.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The gold medal referred to in subsection (a) shall be presented to—

(A)(i) the widow of Anwar Sadat, Jehan Sadat; or

(ii) if Jehan Sadat is unavailable, the next of kin of Jehan Sadat; and
(B) a representative of the Government of

(B) a representative of the Government of Egypt.

(2) AWARD OF MEDAL.—Following the presentation described in paragraph (1), the gold medal shall be given to—

(A) Jehan Sadat; or

(B) if Jehan Sadat is unavailable, the next of kin of Jehan Sadat.

SEC. 4. DUPLICATE MEDALS.

The Secretary may strike and sell duplicates in bronze of the gold medal struck under section 3 under such regulations as the Secretary may prescribe, at a price sufficient to cover the cost thereof, including labor, materials, dies, use of machinery, and overhead expenses, and the cost of the gold medal.

SEC. 5. STATUS OF MEDALS.

(a) NATIONAL MEDALS.—The medals struck under this Act are national medals for purposes of chapter 51 of title 31, United States Code.

(b) NUMISMATIC ITEMS.—For purposes of sections 5134 and 5136 of title 31, United States Code, all medals struck under this Act shall be considered to be numismatic items.

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

AMERICAN FISHERIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE ACT

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 283, S. 1322, which had been reported from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with an amendment to strike all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "American Fisheries Advisory Committee Act".

SEC. 2. AMERICAN FISHERIES ADVISORY COM-MITTEE.

(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Section 2 of the Act of August 11, 1939 (15 U.S.C. 713c-3), is amended by adding at the end the following:

"(f) AMERICAN FISHERIES ADVISORY COM-MITTEE.—

"(1) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:

"(A) COMMITTEE.—The term 'Committee' means the American Fisheries Advisory Committee established under paragraph (2).

"(B) FISHING COMMUNITY.—The term 'fishing community' means harvesters, marketers, growers, processors, recreational fishermen, charter fishermen, and persons providing them with goods and services.

"(C) Marketing and promotion.—The term 'marketing and promotion' means an activity aimed at encouraging the consumption of seafood or expanding or maintaining commercial markets for seafood.

"(D) PROCESSOR.—The term 'processor' means any person in the business of preparing or packaging seafood (including seafood of the processor's own harvesting) for sale.

"(E) SEAFOOD.—The term 'seafood' means farm-raised and wild-caught fish, shellfish, or marine algae harvested in the United States or by a United States flagged vessel for human consumption.

"(2) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of the American Fisheries Advisory Committee Act, the Secretary shall establish 6 regions within the American Fisheries Advisory Committee as follows:

"(A) Region 1 shall consist of Alaska, Hawaii, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and the Territories of Guam and American Samoa.

"(B) Region 2 shall consist of Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and Connecticut.

"(C) Region 3 shall consist of Texas, Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi, Florida, Arkansas, Puerto Rico, and territory of the Virgin Islands.

"(D) Region 4 shall consist of California, Washington, Oregon, and Idaho.

"(E) Region 5 shall consist of New Jersey, New York, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Georgia.

"(F) Region 6 shall consist of Michigan, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, and Pennsulvania.

"(3) MEMBERSHIP.—The Committee shall be composed of the following members:

"(A) REGIONAL REPRESENTATION.—Each of the regions listed in subparagraphs (A) through (F) of paragraph (2) shall be represented on the Committee bu 3 members—

"(i) who are appointed by the Secretary;

"(ii) who reside in a State or territory in the region that the member will represent;

'(iii) of which—

"(I) one shall have experience as a seafood harvester:

"(II) one shall have experience as a processor; and

"(III) one shall have experience as a recreational fisher; and

"(iv) that are selected so that the members of the Committee have experience or expertise with as many seafood species as practicable.

- "(B) AT-LARGE MEMBERS.—The Secretary shall appoint to the Committee at-large members to ensure that the Committee fairly reflects the expertise and interest of the fishing community located in each region, as follows:
- "(i) One individual with experience in mass market food distribution.
- "(ii) One individual with experience in mass market food retail or food service.
- "(iii) One individual with experience in the marketing of seafood.
- "(iv) One individual with experience in growing seafood.
- "(v) One individual with experience as a recreational fisher.
- "(vi) One individual who is an employee of the National Marine Fisheries Service with expertise in fisheries research.
- "(vii) One individual that represents the fisheries science community.
- "(4) MEMBER TERMS.—The term for a member of the Committee shall be 3 years, except that the Secretary shall designate staggered terms for the members initially appointed to the Committee.
- "(5) RESPONSIBILITIES.—The Committee shall be responsible for—
- "(A) identifying needs of the fishing community that may be addressed by a project funded with a grant under subsection (c);
- "(B) developing the request for proposals for such grants;
- "(C) reviewing applications for such grants; and
- "(D) selecting applications for approval under subsection (c)(2)(B).
- "(6) CHAIR.—The Committee shall elect a chair by a majority of those voting, if a quorum is present.
- "(7) QUORUM.—A simple majority of members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum, but a lesser number may hold hearings.
 - "(8) MEETINGS .-
- "(A) FREQUENCY.—The Committee shall meet not more than 2 times each year.
- "(B) LOCATION.—The meetings of the Committee shall rotate between the geographic regions described under paragraph (2).
- "(9) STAFF.—The Committee may employ staff as necessary.
- "(10) PER DIEM AND EXPENSES AND FUNDING.—
- "(A) IN GENERAL.—A member of the Committee shall serve without compensation, but shall be reimbursed in accordance with section 5703 of title 5, United States Code, for reasonable travel costs and expenses incurred in performing duties as a member of the Committee.
- "(B) FUNDING.—The reimbursements made under subparagraph (A) shall be paid with the funds made available for grants under subsection (c).
- "(11) CONFLICT OF INTEREST.—The conflict of interest and recusal provisions set out in section 302(j) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1852(j)) shall apply to any decision by the Committee and to all members of the Committee as it each member of the Committee is an affected individual within the meaning of such section 302(j), except that in addition to the disclosure requirements of section 302(j)(2)(C) of such Act (16 U.S.C. 1852(j)(2)(C)), each member of the Committee shall disclose any financial interest or relationship in an organization or with an individual that is applying for a grant under subsection (c) held by the member of the Committee, including an interest as an officer, director, trustee, partner, employee, contractor, agent, or other representative."
- (b) ROLE IN APPROVAL OF GRANTS.—Section 2(c)(3) of the Act of August 11, 1939 (15 U.S.C. 713c-3(c)(3)), is amended to read as follows:

- "(3)(A) No application for a grant under this subsection may be approved unless—
- "(i) the Secretary is satisfied that the applicant has the requisite technical and financial capability to carry out the project;
- "(ii) the Secretary evaluates the proposed project as to—
- "(I) the selections of the Committee established in subsection (f);
 - "(II) soundness of design;
- "(III) the possibilities of securing productive results;
- $\lq\lq(IV)$ minimization of duplication with other fisheries research and development projects;
- "(V) the organization and management of the project;
- "(VI) methods proposed for monitoring and evaluating the success or failure of the project;
- "(VII) such other criteria as the Secretary may require; and
- "(iii) the application selected for funding meets the proposal developed by the American Fisheries Advisory Committee under subsection (f)
- "(B) JUSTIFICATION.—If the Secretary fails to provide funds to a grant selected by the Committee, the Secretary shall provide a written document to the Committee justifying the decision."
- SEC. 3. EXPANSION OF SPECIFIED PURPOSES OF FISHERIES RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS GRANTS PROGRAM TO INCLUDE FISHERIES RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS.

Section 2(c)(1) of the Act of August 11, 1939 (15 U.S.C. 713c-3(c)(1)) is amended by inserting "fisheries science, recreational fishing," before "harvesting,".

SEC. 4. PUBLIC AVAILABILITY OF GRANTS PRO-POSALS.

Section 2(c) of the Act of August 11, 1939 (15 $U.S.C.\ 713c-3(c)$), is amended by adding at the end the following:

"(6) Any person awarded a grant under this subsection shall make publicly available a title and abstract of the project to be carried out by the grant funds that serves as the public justification for funding the project that includes a statement describing how the project serves to enhance United States fisheries, including harvesting, processing, marketing, and associated infrastructures, if applicable."

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 1322) to establish the American Fisheries Advisory Committee to assist in the awarding of fisheries research and development grants, and for other purposes.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. McConnell. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the committee-reported substitute amendment be withdrawn, the Sullivan substitute amendment at the desk be considered and agreed to, the bill, as amended, be considered read a third time and passed, and the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The committee-reported substitute amendment was withdrawn.

The amendment (No. 4001) in the nature of a substitute was agreed to as follows: (The amendment is printed in today's Record under "Text of Amendments.")

The bill (S. 1322), as amended, was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, was read the third time and passed, as follows:

S. 1322

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "American Fisheries Advisory Committee Act".

SEC. 2. AMERICAN FISHERIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

- (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Section 2 of the Act of August 11, 1939 (15 U.S.C. 713c–3), is amended— $\,$
- (1) by redesignating subsection (e) as subsection (f); and
- (2) by inserting after subsection (d) the end the following:
- "(e) AMERICAN FISHERIES ADVISORY COM-MITTEE.—
 - "(1) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:
- "(A) COMMITTEE.—The term 'Committee' means the American Fisheries Advisory Committee established under paragraph (2).
- "(B) FISHING COMMUNITY.—The term 'fishing community' means harvesters, marketers, growers, processors, recreational fishermen, charter fishermen, and persons providing them with goods and services.
- "(C) MARKETING AND PROMOTION.—The term marketing and promotion" means an activity aimed at encouraging the consumption of seafood or expanding or maintaining commercial markets for seafood.
- "(D) PROCESSOR.—The term 'processor' means any person in the business of preparing or packaging seafood (including seafood of the processor's own harvesting) for sale
- "(E) SEAFOOD.—The term 'seafood' means farm-raised and wild-caught fish, shellfish, or marine algae harvested in the United States or by a United States flagged vessel for human consumption.
- "(2) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of the American Fisheries Advisory Committee Act, the Secretary shall establish 6 regions within the American Fisheries Advisory Committee as follows:
- "(A) Region 1 shall consist of Alaska, Hawaii, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and the Territories of Guam and American Samoa.
- "(B) Region 2 shall consist of Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and Connecticut.
- "(C) Region 3 shall consist of Texas, Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi, Florida, Arkansas, Puerto Rico, and the Territory of the Virgin Islands of the United States.
- "(D) Region 4 shall consist of California, Washington, Oregon, and Idaho.
- "(E) Region 5 shall consist of New Jersey, New York, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Georgia.
- "(F) Region 6 shall consist of Michigan, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, and Pennsylvania.
- "(3) MEMBERSHIP.—The Committee shall be composed of the following members:

- "(A) REGIONAL REPRESENTATION.—Each of the regions listed in subparagraphs (A) through (F) of paragraph (2) shall be represented on the Committee by 3 members—
 - "(i) who are appointed by the Secretary;
- "(ii) who reside in a State or territory in the region that the member will represent;

"(iii) of which-

- "(I) one shall have experience as a seafood harvester or processor;
- "(II) one shall have experience as recreational or commercial fisher or have experience growing seafood; and
- "(III) one shall be an individual who represents the fisheries science community or the relevant Regional Fishery Management Council; and
- "(iv) that are selected so that the members of the Committee have experience or expertise with as many seafood species as practicable.
- "(B) AT-LARGE MEMBERS.—The Secretary shall appoint to the Committee at-large members as follows:
- "(i) One individual with experience in food distribution, marketing, retail, or food service
- "(ii) One individual with experience in the recreational fishing industry supply chain, such as fishermen, manufacturers, retailers, and distributors.
- "(iii) One individual with experience in the commercial fishing industry supply chain, such as fishermen, manufacturers, retailers, and distributors
- "(iv) One individual who is an employee of the National Marine Fisheries Service with expertise in fisheries research.
- "(C) BALANCED REPRESENTATION.—In selecting the members described in subparagraphs (A) and (B), the Secretary shall seek to maximize on the Committee, to the extent practicable, a balanced representation of expertise in United States fisheries, seafood production, and science.
- "(4) MEMBER TERMS.—The term for a member of the Committee shall be 3 years, except that the Secretary shall designate staggered terms for the members initially appointed to the Committee
- "(5) RESPONSIBILITIES.—The Committee shall be responsible for—
- "(A) identifying needs of the fishing community that may be addressed by a project funded with a grant under subsection (c);
- "(B) developing the request for proposals for such grants;
- $\mbox{``(C)}$ reviewing applications for such grants; and
- "(D) selecting applications for approval under subsection (c)(2)(B).
- "(6) CHAIR.—The Committee shall elect a chair by a majority of those voting, if a quorum is present.
- "(7) QUORUM.—A simple majority of members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum, but a lesser number may hold hearings.
- "(8) MEETINGS.—
- "(A) FREQUENCY.—The Committee shall meet not more than 2 times each year.
- "(B) LOCATION.—The meetings of the Committee shall rotate between the geographic regions described under paragraph (2).
- "(C) MINIMIZING COSTS.—The Committee shall seek to minimize the operational costs associated with meetings, hearings, or other business of the Committee, including through the use of video or teleconference.
- "(9) DESIGNATION OF STAFF MEMBER.—The Secretary shall designate a staff member to coordinate the activities of the Committee and to assist with administrative and other functions as requested by the Committee.
- ``(10) PER DIEM AND EXPENSES AND FUNDING.—
- "(A) IN GENERAL.—A member of the Committee shall serve without compensation,

but shall be reimbursed in accordance with section 5703 of title 5, United States Code, for reasonable travel costs and expenses incurred in performing duties as a member of the Committee.

"(B) Funding.—The costs of reimbursements under subparagraph (A) and the other costs associated with the Committee shall be paid from funds made available to carry out this section (which may include funds described in subsection (f)(1)(B)), except that no funds allocated for grants under subsection (f)(1)(A) shall be expended for any purpose under this subsection.

(11) CONFLICT OF INTEREST.—The conflict of interest and recusal provisions set out in section 302(i) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1852(j)) shall apply to any decision by the Committee and to all members of the Committee as if each member of the Committee is an affected individual within the meaning of such section 302(j), except that in addition to the disclosure requirements of section 302(j)(2)(C) of such Act (16 U.S.C. 1852(j)(2)(C)), each member of the Committee shall disclose any financial interest or relationship in an organization or with an individual that is applying for a grant under subsection (c) held by the member of the Committee, including an interest as an officer, director, trustee, partner, employee, contractor, agent, or other representative.

"(12) TECHNICAL REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS.—
"(A) IN GENERAL.—Prior to review of an application for a grant under subsection (c) by the Committee, the Secretary shall obtain an independent written technical evaluation from 3 or more appropriate Federal, private, or public sector experts (such as industry, academia, or governmental experts) who—

"(i) have subject matter expertise to determine the technical merit of the proposal in the application;

"(ii) shall independently evaluate each such proposal; and

"(iii) shall certify that the expert does not have a conflict of interest concerning the application that the expert is reviewing.

"(B) GUIDANCE.—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of the American Fisheries Advisory Committee Act, the Secretary shall issue guidance related to carrying out the technical evaluations under subparagraph (A). Such guidance shall include criteria for the elimination by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration of applications that fail to meet a minimum level of technical merit as determined by the review described in subparagraph (A)."

(b) ROLE IN APPROVAL OF GRANTS.—Section 2(c)(3) of the Act of August 11, 1939 (15 U.S.C. 713c-3(c)(3)), is amended to read as follows:

"(3)(A) No application for a grant under this subsection may be approved unless the Secretary—

"(i) is satisfied that the applicant has the requisite technical and financial capability to carry out the project; and

"(ii) based on the recommendations of the American Fisheries Advisory Committee established in subsection (e), evaluates the proposed project as to—

"(I) soundness of design;

 $``(\Pi)$ the possibilities of securing productive results:

"(III) minimization of duplication with other fisheries research and development projects;

"(IV) the organization and management of the project;

 $\lq\lq(V)$ methods proposed for monitoring and evaluating the success or failure of the project; and

"(VI) such other criteria as the Secretary may require.

"(B) If the Secretary fails to provide funds to a grant selected by the American Fisheries Advisory Committee, the Secretary shall provide a written document to the Committee justifying the decision."

SEC. 3. EXPANSION OF SPECIFIED PURPOSES OF FISHERIES RESEARCH AND DEVEL-OPMENT PROJECTS GRANTS PRO-GRAM TO INCLUDE FISHERIES RE-SEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS.

Section 2(c)(1) of the Act of August 11, 1939 (15 U.S.C. 713c–3(c)(1)) is amended by inserting fisheries science, recreational fishing, before harvesting,.

SEC. 4. PUBLIC AVAILABILITY OF GRANTS PROPOSALS.

Section 2(c) of the Act of August 11, 1939 (15 U.S.C. 713c-3(c)), is amended by adding at the end the following:

"(6) Any person awarded a grant under this subsection shall make publicly available a title and abstract of the project to be carried out by the grant funds that serves as the public justification for funding the project that includes a statement describing how the project serves to enhance United States fisheries, including harvesting, processing, marketing, and associated infrastructures, if applicable."

J. BENNETT JOHNSTON WATER-WAY HYDROPOWER EXTENSION ACT OF 2017

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. 1142.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The clerk will report the bill by title. The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 1142) to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of certain hydroelectric projects.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the bill as reported be considered, the committee substitute be withdrawn, the Murkowski amendment be agreed to, the bill, as amended, be considered read a third time and passed, and the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The committee-reported amendment, in the nature of a substitute, was with-drawn.

The amendment (No. 4002) was agreed to as follows:

(Purpose: In the nature of a substitute)

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "J. Bennett Johnston Waterway Hydropower Extension Act of 2018".

SEC. 2. EXTENSION.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding the time period specified in section 13 of the Federal Power Act (16 U.S.C. 806) that would otherwise apply to Federal Energy Regulatory Commission project numbers 12756, 12757, and 12758, the Commission may, at the request of the licensee for the applicable project, and after reasonable notice, in accordance with the good faith, due diligence, and public interest requirements of that section and the