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117TH CONGRESS  
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**H. R.** \_\_\_\_\_

To amend the Dingell-Johnson Sport Fish Restoration Act with respect to sport fish restoration and recreational boating safety, and for other purposes.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mrs. DINGELL introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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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. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Sport Fish Restora-  
5       tion, Recreational Boating Safety, and Wildlife Restora-  
6       tion Act of 2021”.

1 **SEC. 2. DIVISION OF ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 4 of the Dingell-Johnson  
3 Sport Fish Restoration Act (16 U.S.C. 777c) is amend-  
4 ed—

5 (1) in subsection (a), by striking “2021” and  
6 inserting “2025”;

7 (2) in subsection (b)—

8 (A) in paragraph (1)—

9 (i) in subparagraph (A), by striking  
10 “2021” and inserting “2025”; and

11 (ii) by amending subparagraph (B) to  
12 read as follows—

13 “(B) AVAILABLE AMOUNTS.—The available  
14 amount referred to in subparagraph (A) is—

15 “(i) for fiscal year 2022, \$12,786,434,  
16 adjusted for inflation as described in  
17 clause (ii)(II)(bb); and

18 “(ii) for fiscal year 2023 and each fis-  
19 cal year thereafter, the sum of—

20 “(I) the available amount for the  
21 preceding fiscal year; and

22 “(II) the amount determined by  
23 multiplying—

24 “(aa) the available amount  
25 for the preceding fiscal year; and

1 “(bb) the change, relative to  
2 the preceding fiscal year, in the  
3 Consumer Price Index for All  
4 Urban Consumers published by  
5 the Department of Labor.”; and

6 (B) in paragraph (2)—

7 (i) in subparagraph (A), by striking  
8 “2016 through 2021” and inserting “2022  
9 through 2025”; and

10 (ii) by amending subparagraph (B) to  
11 read as follows—

12 “(B) AVAILABLE AMOUNTS.—The available  
13 amount referred to in subparagraph (A) is—

14 “(i) for fiscal year 2021, \$8,988,700;  
15 and

16 “(ii) for fiscal year 2022 and each fis-  
17 cal year thereafter, the sum of—

18 “(I) the available amount for the  
19 preceding fiscal year; and

20 “(II) the amount determined by  
21 multiplying—

22 “(aa) the available amount  
23 for the preceding fiscal year; and

24 “(bb) the change, relative to  
25 the preceding fiscal year, in the

1 Consumer Price Index for All  
2 Urban Consumers published by  
3 the Department of Labor.”; and

4 (3) in subsection (e)(2), by striking “\$900,000”  
5 and inserting “\$1,300,000”.

6 (b) ADMINISTRATION.—Section 9(a) of the Dingell-  
7 Johnson Sport Fish Restoration Act (16 U.S.C. 777h(a))  
8 is amended—

9 (1) in paragraph (1)—

10 (A) by striking “on a full-time basis”; and

11 (B) by inserting “for work hours the em-  
12 ployee spends directly administering this Act, as  
13 such hours are certified by the supervisor of the  
14 employee” after “administer this Act”;

15 (2) by striking paragraph (2) and redesignating  
16 paragraphs (3) through (12) as paragraphs (2)  
17 through (11), respectively;

18 (3) by striking “paragraphs (1) and (2)” and  
19 inserting “paragraph (1)” each place it appears;

20 (4) in paragraph (7), as so redesignated, by  
21 striking “full-time”;

22 (5) in paragraph (8)(A), as so redesignated, by  
23 striking “on a full-time basis”;

24 (6) in paragraph (9), as so redesignated, by  
25 striking “on a full-time basis”;

1 (7) in paragraph (10), as so redesignated—

2 (A) by inserting “or a part-time basis”  
3 after “on a full-time basis”; and

4 (B) by inserting “provided that the per-  
5 centage of relocation expenses paid with funds  
6 under this chapter do not exceed the percentage  
7 of work hours the employee spends admin-  
8 istering this Act” after “at which the relocation  
9 expenses are incurred”.

10 (c) OTHER ACTIVITIES.—Section 14(e) of the Din-  
11 gell-Johnson Sport Fish Restoration Act (16 U.S.C.  
12 777m(e)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

13 “(3) A portion, as determined by the Sport  
14 Fishing and Boating Partnership Council, of funds  
15 disbursed for the purposes described in paragraph  
16 (2) but remaining unobligated prior to fiscal year  
17 2020 shall be used to study—

18 “(A) the impact of derelict recreational  
19 vessels on recreational boating safety and rec-  
20 reational fishing; and

21 “(B) identify options and methods for re-  
22 cycling for recreational vessels.”.

23 **SEC. 3. RECREATIONAL BOATING ACCESS.**

24 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Comptroller General of the  
25 United States shall conduct a study on recreational boat-

1 ing access. In carrying out such study, the Comptroller  
2 General shall consult with the Sport Fishing and Boating  
3 Partnership Council and the National Boating Safety Ad-  
4 visory Council on the design, scope, and priorities of such  
5 study.

6 (b) CONTENTS.—To the extent practicable, the study  
7 required under subsection (a) shall contain a description  
8 of—

9 (1) the use of nonmotorized vessels in each  
10 State and how the increased use of nonmotorized  
11 vessels is impacting motorized and nonmotorized  
12 vessel access to waterway entry points;

13 (2) recreational fishing and boating user con-  
14 flicts concerning motorized and nonmotorized vessels  
15 at waterway access points; and

16 (3) the use of funds provided under the Dingell-  
17 Johnson Sport Fish Restoration Act (16 U.S.C. 777  
18 et seq.) for—

19 (A) the sport fish restoration program to  
20 improve nonmotorized vessel access at waterway  
21 entry points and the reasons for providing such  
22 access; and

23 (B) the Recreational Boating Safety Pro-  
24 gram funds for nonmotorized boating safety  
25 programs.

1 (c) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date  
2 of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General shall  
3 submit to the Sport Fishing and Boating Partnership  
4 Council, the Committees on Natural Resources and Trans-  
5 portation and Infrastructure of the House of Representa-  
6 tives, and the Committees on Commerce, Science, and  
7 Transportation and Environment and Public Works of the  
8 Senate a report containing the study required under this  
9 section.

10 (d) STATE DEFINED.—In this section, the term  
11 “State” means any State, the District of Columbia, the  
12 Commonwealths of Puerto Rico and the Northern Mariana  
13 Islands, and the territories of Guam, the U.S. Virgin Is-  
14 lands, and American Samoa.

15 **SEC. 4. WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND ADMINISTRATION.**

16 (a) ALLOCATION AND APPORTIONMENT OF AVAIL-  
17 ABLE AMOUNTS.—Section 4 of the Pittman-Robertson  
18 Wildlife Restoration Act (16 U.S.C. 669e), is amended—

19 (1) in subsection (a)(1)(B)—

20 (A) in clause (i) by striking “for each of  
21 fiscal years 2001 and 2002, \$9,000,000;” and  
22 inserting the following: “for fiscal year 2022,  
23 \$12,786,434, adjusted for inflation as described  
24 in clause (ii)(II)(bb);”; and

1 (B) by striking clauses (ii) and (iii) and in-  
2 serting the following:

3 “(ii) for fiscal year 2023, and each  
4 fiscal year thereafter, the sum of—

5 “(I) the available amount for the  
6 preceding fiscal year; and

7 “(II) the amount determined by  
8 multiplying—

9 “(aa) the available amount  
10 for the preceding fiscal year; and

11 “(bb) the change, relative to  
12 the preceding fiscal year, in the  
13 Consumer Price Index for All  
14 Urban Consumers published by  
15 the Department of Labor.”; and

16 (2) in subsection (a)(2)(A) by striking “the end  
17 of the fiscal year” and inserting “the end of the sub-  
18 sequent fiscal year”.

19 (b) AUTHORIZED EXPENSES FOR ADMINISTRA-  
20 TION.—Section 9(a) of the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife  
21 Restoration Act (16 U.S.C. 669h(a)) is amended—

22 (1) in paragraph (1)—

23 (A) by striking “on a full-time basis”; and

24 (B) by inserting “for the work hours the  
25 employee spends directly administering this Act,



1 as such hours are certified by the supervisor of  
2 the employee” after “administer this Act”;

3 (2) by striking “paragraphs (1) and (2)” and  
4 inserting “paragraph (1)” each place it appears;

5 (3) by striking paragraph (2) and redesignating  
6 paragraphs (3) through (12) as paragraphs (2)  
7 through (11), respectively;

8 (4) in paragraph (7), as so redesignated, by  
9 striking “full-time”;

10 (5) in paragraph (8)(A), as so redesignated, by  
11 striking “on a full-time basis”;

12 (6) in paragraph (9), as so redesignated, by  
13 striking “on a full-time basis”; and

14 (7) in paragraph (10), as so redesignated—

15 (A) by inserting “or a part-time basis”  
16 after “on a full-time basis”; and

17 (B) by inserting “, provided that the per-  
18 centage of relocation expenses paid with funds  
19 under this chapter do not exceed the percentage  
20 of work hours the employee spends admin-  
21 istering this Act” after “at which the relocation  
22 expenses are incurred”.

1 **SEC. 5. SPORT FISH RESTORATION AND BOATING TRUST**

2 **FUND.**

3 Section 13107(c)(2) of title 46, United States Code,  
4 is amended by striking “No funds available” and inserting  
5 “On or after October 1, 2023 no funds available,”.

6 **SEC. 6. SPORT FISHING AND BOATING PARTNERSHIP**

7 **COUNCIL.**

8 The Sport Fishing and Boating Partnership Council  
9 established by the Secretary of the Interior shall be a Fed-  
10 eral advisory committee of both the Department of the In-  
11 terior and the Department of Commerce, and the secre-  
12 taries of Interior and Commerce shall jointly carry out the  
13 requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act with  
14 respect to the Sport Fishing and Boating Partnership  
15 Council.