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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 “National Oceanic and
5 Atmospheric Administration Great Lakes Improvements
6 Act”.

7 **SEC. 2. GREAT LAKES OFFICE.**

8 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Under Secretary may es-
9 tablish and maintain within the Administration a Great
10 Lakes Office in the Washington, District of Columbia
11 area.

1 (b) PURPOSE.—The purpose of the Great Lakes Of-
2 fice shall be to promote and coordinate Administration re-
3 search, monitoring, and assessment work in the Great
4 Lakes region consistent with the goals of the Great Lakes
5 Water Quality Agreement.

6 (c) DIRECTOR.—The Director of the Great Lakes Of-
7 fice shall be an individual with extensive knowledge and
8 expertise in the Great Lakes ecosystem, and with appro-
9 priate administrative experience.

10 **SEC. 3. GREAT LAKES REPORT.**

11 (a) CONTENTS.—Subject to the availability of appro-
12 priations under section 5 of this Act, the Under Secretary,
13 in consultation with the Director of the Great Lakes Office
14 if established, shall prepare and submit to Congress an
15 annual Great Lakes Report. The Report shall provide in-
16 formation relating to Great Lakes ecosystem research,
17 monitoring, and assessment, including—

18 (1) the individual activities, projects, or propos-
19 als conducted by the Administration in the previous
20 fiscal year, including a summary of funds expended
21 in support of these activities, projects, or proposals;

22 (2) the amount of funds received from the Ad-
23 ministration by each State or local government unit
24 bordering the Great Lakes;

1 (3) the amount of funds received by individuals
2 or institutions residing or located within a State bor-
3 dering the Great Lakes;

4 (4) an inventory of Administration facilities and
5 personnel located in a State bordering the Great
6 Lakes or in the Great Lakes used to conduct or sup-
7 port Administration-funded activities, projects, or
8 proposals in the Great Lakes, including vessels;

9 (5) the proposed Administration activities,
10 projects, and proposals to benefit the Great Lakes
11 ecosystem for the current fiscal year, including re-
12 quested funds; and

13 (6) a proposal for increasing the presence of the
14 Administration in the Great Lakes, and improving
15 the coordination of research within the Administra-
16 tion and with other entities, including the Govern-
17 ment of Canada.

18 (b) DEADLINE.—Subject to the availability of appro-
19 priations under section 5 of this Act, the Under Secretary
20 shall submit the Great Lakes Report to Congress by Octo-
21 ber 1 of 1995, 1996, 1997, and 1998.

22 **SEC. 4. DEFINITIONS.**

23 In this Act—

24 (1) the term “Administration” means the Na-
25 tional Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration;

1 (2) the term “Great Lakes” means—

2 (A) Lake Erie, Lake Huron, Lake Michi-
3 gan, Lake Ontario, and Lake Superior;

4 (B) their connecting waters, including the
5 St. Marys River, the St. Clair River, Lake St.
6 Clair, the Detroit River, and the Niagara River;
7 and

8 (C) the St. Lawrence River;

9 (3) the term “Great Lakes Water Quality
10 Agreement” means the bilateral agreement between
11 the United States and Canada which was signed in
12 1978 and amended by the Protocol of 1987; and

13 (4) the term “Under Secretary” means the
14 Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and At-
15 mosphere.

16 **SEC. 5. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

17 There is authorized to be appropriated to the Under
18 Secretary to carry out this Act \$100,000 for each of the
19 fiscal years 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, and 1998.

Passed the House of Representatives March 21,
1994.

Attest:

Clerk.