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To improve coordination of National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
Great Lakes activities.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. STUPAK introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries

A BILL

To improve coordination of National Oceanic and
Atmospheric Administration Great Lakes activities.

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 shall es-
9 tablish and maintain within the Administration a Great

1 Lakes Office in the Washington, District of Columbia
2 area.

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

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

12 **SEC. 3. GREAT LAKES REPORT.**

13 (a) CONTENTS.—The Under Secretary, in consulta-
14 tion with the Director of the Great Lakes Office, shall pre-
15 pare and submit to Congress an annual Great Lakes Re-
16 port. The Report shall provide information relating to
17 Great Lakes ecosystem research, monitoring, and assess-
18 ment, including—

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

23 (2) the amount of funds received from the Ad-
24 ministration by each State or local government unit
25 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.—The Under Secretary shall submit
19 the Great Lakes Report to Congress by October 1 of each
20 year beginning after the date of enactment of this Act.

21 **SEC. 4. DEFINITIONS.**

22 In this Act—

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

25 (2) the term “Great Lakes” means—

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

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

7 (C) the St. Lawrence River;

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

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

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