

103^D CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 4308

AN ACT

To authorize appropriations to assist in carrying out the North American Wetlands Conservation Act for fiscal years 1995 through 1998, and for other purposes.

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 “North American Wet-
5 lands Conservation Act Amendments of 1994”.

1 **SEC. 2. MATCHING, REPORTING, AND REVISING REQUIRE-**
2 **MENTS.**

3 (a) **MATCHING REQUIREMENT.**—Section 8(b) of the
4 North American Wetlands Conservation Act (16 U.S.C.
5 4407(b)) is amended by adding at the end the following
6 new sentence: “In the case of a project carried out in Mex-
7 ico, the non-Federal share of the United States contribu-
8 tion to the costs of the project may include cash contribu-
9 tions from non-United States sources that are used to pay
10 costs of the project.”.

11 (b) **REPORT TO CONGRESS.**—Section 10(1) of such
12 Act (16 U.S.C. 4409(a)(1)) is amended in subparagraph
13 (B) by striking “and” after the semicolon, in subpara-
14 graph (C) by striking the period and inserting “; and”,
15 and by adding at the end the following:

16 “(D) wetlands conservation projects funded
17 under this Act, listed and identified by type,
18 conservation mechanism (such as acquisition,
19 easement, or lease), location, and duration.”.

20 (c) **REVISIONS TO PLAN.**—Section 11 of such Act (16
21 U.S.C. 4410) is amended—

22 (1) in the first sentence—

23 (A) by striking “1991” and inserting
24 “1998”; and

25 (B) by inserting “and Mexico” after “Can-
26 ada”; and

1 (2) by striking the second sentence.

2 **SEC. 3. ASSESSMENT OF PROGRESS IN WETLANDS CON-**
3 **SERVATION.**

4 The North American Wetlands Conservation Act (16
5 U.S.C. 4401 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end
6 the following new section:

7 **“SEC. 19. ASSESSMENT OF PROGRESS IN WETLANDS CON-**
8 **SERVATION.**

9 “Not later than January 31, 1996, the Secretary, in
10 cooperation with the Council, to further the purposes of
11 the Act shall—

12 “(1) develop and implement a strategy to assist
13 in the implementation of this Act in conserving the
14 full complement of North American wetlands sys-
15 tems and species dependent on those systems, that
16 incorporates information existing on the date of the
17 issuance of the strategy in final form on types of
18 wetlands habitats and species dependent on the
19 habitats; and

20 “(2) develop and implement procedures to mon-
21 itor and evaluate the effectiveness of wetlands con-
22 servation projects completed under this Act.”.

1 **SEC. 4. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR ALLO-**
2 **CATIONS UNDER NORTH AMERICAN WET-**
3 **LANDS CONSERVATION ACT.**

4 Section 7(c) of the North American Wetlands Con-
5 servation Act (16 U.S.C. 4406(c)) is amended by striking
6 “\$15,000,000” and all that follows through the end of the
7 sentence and inserting the following: “\$20,000,000 for
8 each of fiscal years 1995 and 1996 and \$30,000,000 for
9 each of fiscal years 1997 and 1998.”.

10 **SEC. 5. CONSERVATION OF COASTAL WETLANDS.**

11 Section 306(c) of the Coastal Wetlands Planning,
12 Protection and Restoration Act (16 U.S.C. 3955(c)) is
13 amended by inserting “in coastal wetlands ecosystems”
14 after “wetlands conservation projects”.

15 **SEC. 6. WILDLIFE PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM.**

16 The Partnerships For Wildlife Act (16 U.S.C. 3741
17 et seq.) is amended—

18 (1) in section 7103(3) (16 U.S.C. 3742(3)) by
19 inserting “the States and of” after “under the lead-
20 ership of”;

21 (2) in section 7104 (16 U.S.C. 3743)—

22 (A) by amending paragraph (2) to read as
23 follows:

24 “(2) The term ‘designated State agency’ means
25 the government agency, department, or division of
26 any State that is empowered under the laws of the

1 State to exercise the functions ordinarily exercised
2 by a State fish and wildlife agency.”;

3 (B) in paragraph (4) by striking “section
4 5(f)” and inserting “section 7105(g)”;

5 (C) in paragraph (8)(A) by striking the pe-
6 riod and inserting a semicolon; and

7 (D) in paragraph (8)(C) by—

8 (i) striking “section 3(5)” and insert-
9 ing “section 3(6)”;

10 (ii) striking “(16 U.S.C. 1362(5))”
11 and inserting “(16 U.S.C. 1362(6))”;

12 (3) in section 7104 (16 U.S.C. 3743) by—

13 (A) redesignating paragraph (8) as para-
14 graph (9); and

15 (B) inserting after paragraph (7) the fol-
16 lowing:

17 “(8) The term ‘State’ means any of the 50
18 States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth
19 of Puerto Rico, the Commonwealth of the Northern
20 Mariana Islands, Guam, the United States Virgin
21 Islands, or American Samoa.”;

22 (4) in section 7105(d) (16 U.S.C. 3744(d))—

23 (A) in paragraph (3) by inserting “and”
24 after the semicolon;

1 (B) in paragraph (4) by striking “; and”
2 and inserting a period; and

3 (C) by striking paragraph (5);

4 (5) in section 7105 (16 U.S.C. 3744) by
5 amending subsection (e) to read as follows:

6 “(e) NON-FEDERAL SHARE OF PROJECTS.—

7 “(1) STATE SHARE.—Of the total cost each fis-
8 cal year of each project carried out with amounts
9 provided by the Secretary under subsection (a), at
10 least $\frac{1}{3}$ shall be paid with amounts from State, non-
11 Federal sources, except that if designated State
12 agencies from 2 or more States cooperate in imple-
13 menting such a project at least 30 percent shall be
14 paid with amounts from such State, non-Federal
15 sources. Payments required by this paragraph may
16 not be in the form of an in-kind contribution.

17 “(2) PRIVATE SHARE.—Of the total cost each
18 fiscal year of each project carried out with amounts
19 provided by the Secretary under subsection (a), at
20 least $\frac{1}{3}$ shall be paid with amounts from voluntary
21 contributions by private entities or persons, except
22 that if designated State agencies from 2 or more
23 States cooperate in implementing such a project, at
24 least 30 percent shall be paid from such sources.
25 Subject to the approval of the Secretary, such con-

1 tributions for a project may be in the form of, but
2 are not required to be limited to, private cash dona-
3 tions, and the contribution of materials, equipment,
4 or services necessary for the project.”;

5 (6) in section 7105(g) (16 U.S.C. 3744(g))—

6 (A) by amending paragraph (2) to read as
7 follows:

8 “(2) The Secretary shall deposit into the Fund
9 amounts appropriated to the Secretary for deposit to the
10 Fund, of which not more than 4 percent shall be available
11 to the Secretary to defray the costs of administering this
12 chapter and evaluating wildlife conservation and apprecia-
13 tion projects.”; and

14 (B) by striking paragraphs (3) and (4);
15 and

16 (7) in section 7105(h) (16 U.S.C. 3744(h))—

17 (A) by striking “1995” and inserting
18 “1998”; and

1 (B) by striking “to match the amount of
2 contributions made to the Fund by the National
3 Fish and Wildlife Foundation”.

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Attest:

Clerk.

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