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Mr. DINGELL (for himself, Mr. WELDON, Mr. STUDDS, and Mr. FIELDS of Texas) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries

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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,*

1 **SECTION 1. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR AL-**
2 **LOCATIONS 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: “\$15,000,000 for fis-
8 cal year 1994, \$20,000,000 for each of fiscal years 1995
9 and 1996, \$30,000,000 for each of fiscal years 1997 and
10 1998, and \$40,000,000 for each of fiscal years 1999 and
11 2000.”.

12 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

13 *This Act may be cited as the “North American Wet-*
14 *lands Conservation Act Amendments of 1994”.*

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

17 (a) *MATCHING REQUIREMENT.*—Section 8(b) of the
18 *North American Wetlands Conservation Act (16 U.S.C.*
19 *4407(b)) is amended by adding at the end the following new*
20 *sentence: “In the case of a project carried out in Mexico,*
21 *the non-Federal share of the United States contribution to*
22 *the costs of the project may include cash contributions from*
23 *non-United States sources that are used to pay costs of the*
24 *project.”.*

25 (b) *REPORT TO CONGRESS.*—Section 10(1) of such Act
26 (16 U.S.C. 4409(a)(1)) is amended in subparagraph (B)

1 *by striking “and” after the semicolon, in subparagraph (C)*
2 *by striking the period and inserting “; and”, and by adding*
3 *at the end the following:*

4 “(D) wetlands conservation projects funded
5 under this Act, listed and identified by type,
6 conservation mechanism (such as acquisition,
7 easement, or lease), location, and duration.”.

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

10 (1) *in the first sentence—*

11 (A) *by striking “1991” and inserting*
12 *“1998”; and*

13 (B) *by inserting “and Mexico” after “Can-*
14 *ada”; and*

15 (2) *by striking the second sentence.*

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

18 *The North American Wetlands Conservation Act (16*
19 *U.S.C. 4401 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the*
20 *following new section:*

21 ***“SEC. 19. ASSESSMENT OF PROGRESS IN WETLANDS CON-***
22 ***SERVATION.***

23 *“Not later than January 31, 1996, the Secretary, in*
24 *cooperation with the Council, to further the purposes of the*
25 *Act shall—*

1 “(1) develop and implement a strategy to assist
2 in the implementation of this Act in conserving the
3 full complement of North American wetlands systems
4 and species dependent on those systems, that incor-
5 porates information existing on the date of the issu-
6 ance of the strategy in final form on types of wetlands
7 habitats and species dependent on the habitats; and

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

11 **SEC. 4. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR ALLO-**
12 **CATIONS UNDER NORTH AMERICAN WET-**
13 **LANDS CONSERVATION ACT.**

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

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

21 Section 306(c) of the Coastal Wetlands Planning, Pro-
22 tection and Restoration Act (16 U.S.C. 3955(c)) is amended
23 by inserting “in coastal wetlands ecosystems” after “wet-
24 lands conservation projects”.

1 **SEC. 6. WILDLIFE PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM.**

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

4 *(1) in section 7103(3) (16 U.S.C. 3742(3)) by in-*
5 *serting “the States and of” after “under the leader-*
6 *ship of”;*

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

8 *(A) by amending paragraph (2) to read as*
9 *follows:*

10 *“(2) The term ‘designated State agency’ means*
11 *the government agency, department, or division of*
12 *any State that is empowered under the laws of the*
13 *State to exercise the functions ordinarily exercised by*
14 *a State fish and wildlife agency.”;*

15 *(B) in paragraph (4) by striking “section*
16 *5(f)” and inserting “section 7105(g)”;*

17 *(C) in paragraph (8)(A) by striking the pe-*
18 *riod and inserting a semicolon; and*

19 *(D) in paragraph (8)(C) by—*

20 *(i) striking “section 3(5)” and insert-*
21 *ing “section 3(6)”;* and

22 *(ii) by striking “(16 U.S.C. 1362(5))”*
23 *and inserting “(16 U.S.C. 1362(6))”;*

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

25 *(A) redesignating paragraph (8) as para-*
26 *graph (9); and*

1 (B) inserting after paragraph (7) the fol-
2 lowing:

3 “(8) The term ‘State’ means any of the 50
4 States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth
5 of Puerto Rico, the Commonwealth of the Northern
6 Mariana Islands, Guam, the United States Virgin Is-
7 lands, or American Samoa.”;

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

9 (A) in paragraph (3) by inserting “and”
10 after the semicolon;

11 (B) in paragraph (4) by striking “; and”
12 and inserting a period; and

13 (C) by striking paragraph (5);

14 (5) in section 7105 (16 U.S.C. 3744) by amend-
15 ing subsection (e) to read as follows:

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

17 “(1) STATE SHARE.—Of the total cost each fiscal
18 year of each project carried out with amounts pro-
19 vided by the Secretary under subsection (a), at least
20 $\frac{1}{3}$ shall be paid with amounts from State, non-Fed-
21 eral sources, except that if designated State agencies
22 from 2 or more States cooperate in implementing
23 such a project at least 30 percent shall be paid with
24 amounts from such State, non-Federal sources. Pay-

1 *ments required by this paragraph may not be in the*
2 *form of an in-kind contribution.*

3 *“(2) PRIVATE SHARE.—Of the total cost each fis-*
4 *cal year of each project carried out with amounts pro-*
5 *vided by the Secretary under subsection (a), at least*
6 *1/3 shall be paid with amounts from voluntary con-*
7 *tributions by private entities or persons, except that*
8 *if designated State agencies from 2 or more States co-*
9 *operate in implementing such a project, at least 30*
10 *percent shall be paid from such sources. Subject to the*
11 *approval of the Secretary, such contributions for a*
12 *project may be in the form of, but are not required*
13 *to be limited to, private cash donations, and the con-*
14 *tribution of materials, equipment, or services nec-*
15 *essary for the project.”;*

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

17 *(A) by amending paragraph (2) to read as*
18 *follows:*

19 *“(2) The Secretary shall deposit into the Fund*
20 *amounts appropriated to the Secretary for deposit to the*
21 *Fund, of which not more than 4 percent shall be available*
22 *to the Secretary to defray the costs of administering this*
23 *chapter and evaluating wildlife conservation and apprecia-*
24 *tion projects.”; and*

25 *(B) by striking paragraphs (3) and (4); and*

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

2 (A) by striking “1995” and inserting

3 “1998”; and

4 (B) by striking “to match the amount of

5 contributions made to the Fund by the National

6 Fish and Wildlife Foundation”.

Amend the title so as to read: “A bill to authorize appropriations to assist in carrying out the North American Wetlands Conservation Act for fiscal years 1995 through 1998, and for other purposes.”.