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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and
Public Works

AN ACT

To reauthorize the Rhinoceros and Tiger Conservation Act
of 1994.

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. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Rhinoceros and Tiger
3 Conservation Reauthorization Act of 2001”.

4 **SEC. 2. REAUTHORIZATION OF RHINOCEROS AND TIGER**
5 **CONSERVATION ACT OF 1994.**

6 Section 9 of the Rhinoceros and Tiger Conservation
7 Act of 1994 (16 U.S.C. 5306) is amended by striking
8 “1996 through 2002” and inserting “2001, 2002, 2003,
9 2004, 2005, 2006, and 2007”.

10 **SEC. 3. ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES.**

11 Section 9 of the Rhinoceros and Tiger Conservation
12 Act of 1994 (16 U.S.C. 5306) is further amended—

13 (1) by striking “There are authorized” and in-
14 serting “(a) IN GENERAL.—There is authorized”;
15 and

16 (2) by adding at the end the following:

17 “(b) ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES.—Of amounts
18 available each fiscal year to carry out this Act, the Sec-
19 retary may expend not more than 3 percent or \$80,000,
20 whichever is greater, to pay the administrative expenses
21 necessary to carry out this Act.”.

22 **SEC. 4. COOPERATION.**

23 The Rhinoceros and Tiger Conservation Act of 1994
24 is further amended by redesignating section 9 (16 U.S.C.
25 5306) as section 10, and by inserting after section 8 the
26 following:

1 **“SEC. 9. ADVISORY GROUP.**

2 “(a) IN GENERAL.—To assist in carrying out this
3 Act, the Secretary may convene an advisory group con-
4 sisting of individuals representing public and private orga-
5 nizations actively involved in the conservation of rhinoc-
6 eros and tiger species.

7 “(b) PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.—

8 “(1) MEETINGS.—The Advisory Group shall—

9 “(A) ensure that each meeting of the advi-
10 sory group is open to the public; and

11 “(B) provide, at each meeting, an oppor-
12 tunity for interested persons to present oral or
13 written statements concerning items on the
14 agenda.

15 “(2) NOTICE.—The Secretary shall provide to
16 the public timely notice of each meeting of the advi-
17 sory group.

18 “(3) MINUTES.—Minutes of each meeting of
19 the advisory group shall be kept by the Secretary
20 and shall be made available to the public.

21 “(c) EXEMPTION FROM FEDERAL ADVISORY COM-
22 MITTEE ACT.—The Federal Advisory Committee Act (5
23 U.S.C. App.) shall not apply to the advisory group.”.

1 **SEC. 5. PROJECT SUSTAINABILITY.**

2 Section 5(e) of the Rhinoceros and Tiger Conserva-
3 tion Act of 1994 (16 U.S.C. 5304) is amended to read
4 as follows:

5 “(e) PROJECT SUSTAINABILITY.—To the maximum
6 extent practical, in determining whether to approve project
7 proposals under this section, the Secretary shall give con-
8 sideration to projects which will enhance sustainable con-
9 servation programs to ensure effective long-term conserva-
10 tion of rhinoceros and tigers.”.

11 **SEC. 6. TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.**

12 (a) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—The Rhinoceros
13 and Tiger Conservation Act of 1994 is amended as follows:

14 (1) Section 4(3) (16 U.S.C. 5303(3)) is amend-
15 ed by striking “Rhinoceros and Tiger Conservation
16 Fund established under section 6(a)” and inserting
17 “the account established by division A, section
18 101(e), title I of Public Law 105–277 under the
19 heading ‘MULTINATIONAL SPECIES CONSERVATION
20 FUND’”.

21 (2) Section 6 (16 U.S.C. 5305) is amended by
22 striking the section heading and all that follows
23 through “(d) ACCEPTANCE AND USE OF DONA-
24 TIONS.—” and inserting the following:

1 **“SEC. 6. ACCEPTANCE AND USE OF DONATIONS.”.**

2 (b) TECHNICAL CORRECTION.—Title I of section
3 101(e) of division A of Public Law 105–277 (112 Stat.
4 2681–237) is amended under the heading “MULTI-
5 NATIONAL SPECIES CONSERVATION FUND” by striking
6 “Rhinoceros and Tiger Conservation Act, subchapter I”
7 and inserting “Rhinoceros and Tiger Conservation Act of
8 1994, part I”.

Passed the House of Representatives June 25, 2001.

Attest:

JEFF TRANDAHL,

Clerk.