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To direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey the Marion National Fish Hatchery and the Claude Harris National Aquacultural Research Center to the State of Alabama, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 27, 1996

Mr. SHELBY introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

A BILL

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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 “Marion National Fish
5 Hatchery and Claude Harris National Aquacultural Re-
6 search Center Conveyance Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. CONVEYANCE OF MARION NATIONAL FISH HATCH-**
2 **ERY AND CLAUDE HARRIS NATIONAL**
3 **AQUACULTURAL RESEARCH CENTER TO THE**
4 **STATE OF ALABAMA.**

5 (a) CONVEYANCE REQUIREMENT.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days
7 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Sec-
8 retary of the Interior shall convey to the State of
9 Alabama without reimbursement, and subject to the
10 condition described in paragraph (2), all right, title,
11 and interest of the United States in and to the prop-
12 erties described in subsection (b) for use by the
13 Game and Fish Division of the Department of Con-
14 servation and Natural Resources of the State of Ala-
15 bama (referred to in this section as the “Game and
16 Fish Division”) as part of the fish culture program
17 of the State of Alabama or for other purposes ap-
18 proved in writing by the Regional Director of the
19 U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

20 (2) LEASE OF CLAUDE HARRIS NATIONAL
21 AQUACULTURAL RESEARCH CENTER.—As a condi-
22 tion of the conveyance under paragraph (1), the
23 Game and Fish Division shall offer to lease, for
24 whatever period of time requested by the Station
25 and provided by Alabama law, the property de-
26 scribed in subsection (b)(1)(B) to the Alabama Agri-

1 culture Experiment Station, at no cost to the Sta-
2 tion or to the Game and Fish Division. If the Sta-
3 tion declines the offer or fails to renew any lease,
4 the Game and Fish Division shall offer to lease any
5 portion of the property, to another public entity.

6 (b) DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTIES.—The properties
7 referred to in subsection (a)(1) consist of—

8 (1)(A) the portion of the Marion National Fish
9 Hatchery leased to the Game and Fish Division, lo-
10 cated 7 miles northeast of Marion, Alabama, on
11 State Highway 175, as described in Amendment No.
12 2 to the Cooperative Agreement dated June 6, 1974,
13 between the United States Fish and Wildlife Service
14 and the Game and Fish Division, consisting of ap-
15 proximately 300 acres; and

16 (B) the Claude Harris National Aquacultural
17 Research Center, located 7 miles northeast of Mar-
18 ion, Alabama, on State Highway 175, as described
19 in a document of the United States Fish and Wild-
20 life Service entitled “EXHIBIT A” and dated March
21 19, 1996, consisting of approximately 298 acres;

22 (2) all improvements and related personal prop-
23 erty under the control of the Secretary of the Inte-
24 rior that are located on the properties described in

1 paragraph (1), including buildings, structures, and
2 equipment; and

3 (3) all easements, leases, and water and timber
4 rights relating to the properties described in para-
5 graph (1).

6 (c) REVERSIONARY INTEREST.—

7 (1) REQUIREMENT.—If any property conveyed
8 to the State of Alabama under this section is used
9 for any purpose other than the use authorized under
10 subsection (a), all right, title, and interest in and to
11 all property conveyed under this section shall revert
12 to the United States.

13 (2) CONDITION OF PROPERTY ON REVER-
14 SION.—In the case of a reversion of property under
15 paragraph (1), subject to any sale or lease of timber
16 or mineral interests on or under the property, the
17 State of Alabama shall ensure that all property re-
18 verting to the United States under this subsection is
19 in substantially the same condition as, or in better
20 condition than, at the time of conveyance under sub-
21 section (a).

22 (d) JURISDICTION.—Effective at the time of convey-
23 ance of the properties under subsection (a), the United

- 1 States retrocedes jurisdiction over the properties to the
- 2 State of Alabama.

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