

104TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# S. 516

To transfer responsibility for the aquaculture research program under Public Law 85-342 from the Secretary of the Interior to the Secretary of Agriculture, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 7 (legislative day, MARCH 6), 1995

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

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## A BILL

To transfer responsibility for the aquaculture research program under Public Law 85-342 from the Secretary of the Interior to the Secretary of Agriculture, 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 “National Aquaculture  
5 Research Center Act of 1995”.

6 **SEC. 2. TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS.**

7 (a) TITLE OF PUBLIC LAW 85-342.—The title of  
8 Public Law 85-342 (72 Stat. 35; 16 U.S.C. 778 et seq.)

1 is amended by striking “Secretary of the Interior” and  
2 inserting “Secretary of Agriculture”.

3 (b) AUTHORIZATION.—The first section of Public  
4 Law 85–342 (16 U.S.C. 778) is amended—

5 (1) by striking “Secretary of the Interior” and  
6 all that follows through “directed” and inserting  
7 “Secretary of Agriculture shall”;

8 (2) by striking “station or stations” and insert-  
9 ing “1 or more centers”; and

10 (3) in paragraph (5) by striking “Department  
11 of Agriculture” and inserting “Secretary of the  
12 Interior”.

13 (c) AUTHORITY.—Section 2 of Public Law 85–342  
14 (16 U.S.C. 778a) is amended—

15 (1) by striking “, the Secretary” and all that  
16 follows through “is authorized (1) to” and inserting  
17 “, the Secretary of Agriculture may (1)”.

18 (2) by striking “to cooperate” and inserting  
19 “cooperate”; and

20 (3) by striking “to make” and inserting  
21 “make”.

22 (d) ASSISTANCE.—Section 3 of Public Law 85–342  
23 (16 U.S.C. 778b) is amended—

24 (1) by striking “Secretary of the Interior” and  
25 inserting “Secretary of Agriculture”; and

1           (2) by striking “Department of Agriculture”  
2           and inserting “Secretary of the Interior”.

3 **SEC. 3. TRANSFER OF FISH CULTURE LABORATORY.**

4           (a) DESIGNATION OF SOUTHEASTERN NATIONAL  
5 AQUACULTURE RESEARCH CENTER.—

6           (1) IN GENERAL.—The Southeastern Fish Cul-  
7           ture Laboratory in Marion, Alabama, shall be known  
8           and designated as the “Claude Harris National  
9           Aquaculture Research Center”.

10          (2) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law,  
11          map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of  
12          the United States to the laboratory referred to in  
13          paragraph 1 shall be deemed to be a reference to the  
14          Marion National Aquaculture Research Center.

15          (b) TRANSFER OF LABORATORY TO THE DEPART-  
16          MENT OF AGRICULTURE.—Subject to section 1531 of title  
17          31, United States Code, not later than 90 days after the  
18          date of enactment of this Act, there are transferred to the  
19          Department of Agriculture—

20                 (1) the personnel employed in connection with  
21                 the laboratory referred to in subsection (a);

22                 (2) the assets, liabilities, contracts, and real  
23                 and personal property of the laboratory;

24                 (3) the records of the laboratory; and

1           (4) the unexpended balance of appropriations,  
2           authorizations, allocations and other funds em-  
3           ployed, held, arising from, available to, or to be  
4           made available in connection with the laboratory.

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