

106TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 501

AN ACT

To address resource management issues in Glacier Bay
National Park, Alaska.

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 “Glacier Bay National
5 Park Resource Management Act of 1999”.

1 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

2 As used in this Act—

3 (1) the term “local residents” means those per-
4 sons living within the vicinity of Glacier Bay Na-
5 tional Park and Preserve, including but not limited
6 to the residents of Hoonah, Alaska, who are de-
7 scendants of those who had an historic and cultural
8 tradition of sea gull egg gathering within the bound-
9 ary of what is now Glacier Bay National Park and
10 Preserve;

11 (2) the term “outer waters” means all of the
12 marine waters within the park outside of Glacier
13 Bay proper;

14 (3) the term “park” means Glacier Bay Na-
15 tional Park;

16 (4) the term “Secretary” means the Secretary
17 of the Interior; and

18 (5) the term “State” means the State of Alas-
19 ka.

20 **SEC. 3. COMMERCIAL FISHING.**

21 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall allow for com-
22 mercial fishing in the outer waters of the park in accord-
23 ance with the management plan referred to in subsection
24 (b) in a manner that provides for the protection of park
25 resources and values.

1 (b) MANAGEMENT PLAN.—The Secretary and the
2 State shall cooperate in the development of a management
3 plan for the regulation of commercial fisheries in the outer
4 waters of the park in accordance with existing Federal and
5 State laws and any applicable international conservation
6 and management treaties.

7 (c) SAVINGS.—(1) Nothing in this Act shall alter or
8 affect the provisions of section 123 of the Department of
9 the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for
10 Fiscal Year 1999 (Public Law 105–277), as amended by
11 section 501 of the 1999 Emergency Supplemental Appro-
12 priations Act (Public Law 106–31).

13 (2) Nothing in this Act shall enlarge or diminish Fed-
14 eral or State title, jurisdiction, or authority with respect
15 to the waters of the State of Alaska, the waters within
16 Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve, or tidal or sub-
17 merged lands.

18 (d) STUDY.—(1) Not later than one year after the
19 date funds are made available, the Secretary, in consulta-
20 tion with the State, the National Marine Fisheries Service,
21 the International Pacific Halibut Commission, and other
22 affected agencies shall develop a plan for a comprehensive
23 multi-agency research and monitoring program to evaluate
24 the health of fisheries resources in the park’s marine wa-

1 ters, to determine the effect, if any, of commercial fishing
2 on—

3 (A) the productivity, diversity, and sustain-
4 ability of fishery resources in such waters; and

5 (B) park resources and values.

6 (2) The Secretary shall promptly notify the Com-
7 mittee on Energy and Natural Resources of the United
8 States Senate and the Committee on Resources of the
9 United States House of Representatives upon the comple-
10 tion of the plan.

11 (3) The Secretary shall complete the program set
12 forth in the plan not later than seven years after the date
13 the Congressional Committees are notified pursuant to
14 paragraph (2), and shall transmit the results of the pro-
15 gram to such Committees on a biennial basis.

16 **SEC. 4. SEA GULL EGG COLLECTION STUDY.**

17 (a) STUDY.—The Secretary, in consultation with
18 local residents, shall undertake a study of sea gulls living
19 within the park to assess whether sea gull eggs can be
20 collected on a limited basis without impairing the biologi-
21 cal sustainability of the sea gull population in the park.
22 The study shall be completed no later than two years after
23 the date funds are made available.

24 (b) RECOMMENDATIONS.—If the study referred to in
25 subsection (a) determines that the limited collection of sea

1 gull eggs can occur without impairing the biological sus-
2 tainability of the sea gull population in the park, the Sec-
3 retary shall submit recommendations for legislation to the
4 Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the
5 United States Senate and the Committee on Resources of
6 the United States House of Representatives.

7 **SEC. 5. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

8 There is authorized to be appropriated such sums as
9 are necessary to carry out this Act.

Passed the Senate November 19, 1999.

Attest:

Secretary.

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