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To amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate segments of the York River and associated tributaries for study for potential inclusion in the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 18, 2013

Mr. KING introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

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 “York River Wild and
5 Scenic River Study Act of 2013”.

1 **SEC. 2. YORK RIVER STUDY.**

2 (a) DESIGNATION FOR STUDY.—Section 5(a) of the
3 Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (16 U.S.C. 1276(a)) is amend-
4 ed by adding at the end the following:

5 “(141) YORK RIVER, MAINE.—The segment of
6 the York River that flows 11.25 miles from the
7 headwaters of the York River at York Pond to the
8 mouth of the river at York Harbor, and any associ-
9 ated tributaries.”.

10 (b) STUDY AND REPORT.—Section 5(b) of the Wild
11 and Scenic Rivers Act (16 U.S.C. 1276(b)) is amended
12 by adding at the end the following:

13 “(20) YORK RIVER, MAINE.—

14 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 3 years
15 after the date on which funds are made avail-
16 able to carry out this paragraph, the Secretary
17 of the Interior shall—

18 “(i) complete the study of York River,
19 Maine, described in subsection (a)(141);
20 and

21 “(ii) submit to the appropriate com-
22 mittees of Congress a report that describes
23 the results of the study.

24 “(B) REQUIREMENTS.—In conducting the
25 study referred to in subparagraph (A)(i), the
26 Secretary of the Interior shall—

1 “(i) determine the effect of the des-
2 ignation on—

3 “(I) existing commercial and rec-
4 reational activities, such as hunting,
5 fishing, trapping, recreational shoot-
6 ing, motor boat use, and bridge con-
7 struction;

8 “(II) the authorization, construc-
9 tion, operation, maintenance, or im-
10 provement of energy production and
11 transmission infrastructure; and

12 “(III) the authority of State and
13 local governments to manage the ac-
14 tivities described in subclause (I); and

15 “(ii) identify—

16 “(I) any authorities that would
17 authorize or require the Secretary of
18 the Interior—

19 “(aa) to influence local land
20 use decisions, such as zoning; or

21 “(bb) to place restrictions on
22 non-Federal land if designated
23 under this Act;

1 “(II) any authorities that the
2 Secretary of the Interior may use to
3 condemn property; and

4 “(III) any private property lo-
5 cated in the area studied under sub-
6 section (a)(141).”.

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