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# H. R. 4266

To clarify the boundary of Acadia National Park, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. POLIQUIN (for himself and Ms. PINGREE) introduced the following bill;  
which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

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## A BILL

To clarify the boundary of Acadia National Park, 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 “Acadia National Park  
5 Boundary Clarification Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. ACADIA NATIONAL PARK BOUNDARY CLARIFICA-**  
7 **TION.**

8 Section 101 of Public Law 99–420 (16 U.S.C. 341  
9 note) is amended—

10 (1) in the first sentence, by striking “In order  
11 to” and inserting the following:

1 “(a) BOUNDARIES.—Subject to subsections (b) and  
2 (c)(2), to”;

3 (2) in the second sentence—

4 (A) by striking “The map shall be on file”  
5 and inserting the following:

6 “(c) AVAILABILITY AND REVISIONS OF MAPS.—

7 “(1) AVAILABILITY.—The map, together with  
8 the map described in subsection (b)(1) and any re-  
9 vised boundary map published under paragraph (2),  
10 if applicable, shall be—

11 “(A) on file”; and

12 (B) by striking “Interior, and it shall be  
13 made” and inserting the following: “Interior;  
14 and

15 “(B) made”;

16 (3) by inserting after subsection (a) (as des-  
17 ignated by paragraph (1)) the following:

18 “(b) SCHOODIC PENINSULA ADDITION.—

19 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The boundary of the Park  
20 is confirmed to include approximately 1,441 acres of  
21 land and interests in land, as depicted on the map  
22 entitled ‘Acadia National Park, Hancock County,  
23 Maine, Schoodic Peninsula Boundary Revision’,  
24 numbered 123/129102, and dated July 10, 2015.

1           “(2) RATIFICATION AND APPROVAL OF ACQUISITION  
2           TIONS OF LAND.—Congress ratifies and approves—

3                   “(A) effective as of September 26, 2013,  
4           the acquisition by the United States of the land  
5           and interests in the land described in paragraph  
6           (1); and

7                   “(B) effective as of the date on which the  
8           alteration occurred, any alteration of the land  
9           or interests in the land described in paragraph  
10          (1) that is held or claimed by the United States  
11          (including conversion of the land to fee simple  
12          interest) that occurred after the date described  
13          in subparagraph (A).”; and

14          (4) in subsection (c) (as designated by para-  
15          graph (2)(A)), by adding at the end the following:

16                   “(2) TECHNICAL AND LIMITED REVISIONS.—  
17          Subject to section 102(k), notwithstanding any other  
18          provision of this section, the Secretary of the Inte-  
19          rior (referred to in this title as the ‘Secretary’), by  
20          publication in the Federal Register of a revised  
21          boundary map or other description, may make—

22                   “(A) such technical boundary revisions as  
23          the Secretary determines to be appropriate to  
24          the permanent boundaries of the Park (includ-  
25          ing any property of the Park located within the

1 Schoodic Peninsula and Isle Au Haut districts)  
2 to resolve issues resulting from causes such as  
3 survey error or changed road alignments; and

4 “(B) such limited boundary revisions as  
5 the Secretary determines to be appropriate to  
6 the permanent boundaries of the Park to take  
7 into account acquisitions or losses, by exchange,  
8 donation, or purchase from willing sellers using  
9 donated or appropriated funds, of land adjacent  
10 to or within the Park, respectively, in any case  
11 in which the total acreage of the land to be so  
12 acquired or lost is less than 10 acres, subject  
13 to the condition that—

14 “(i) any such boundary revision shall  
15 not be a part of a more-comprehensive  
16 boundary revision; and

17 “(ii) all such boundary revisions, con-  
18 sidered collectively with any technical  
19 boundary revisions made pursuant to sub-  
20 paragraph (A), do not increase the size of  
21 the Park by more than a total of 100  
22 acres, as compared to the size of the Park  
23 on the date of enactment of this para-  
24 graph.”.

1 **SEC. 3. LIMITATION ON ACQUISITIONS OF LAND FOR ACA-**  
2 **DIA NATIONAL PARK.**

3 Section 102 of Public Law 99–420 (16 U.S.C. 341  
4 note) is amended—

5 (1) in subsection (a), in the matter preceding  
6 paragraph (1), by striking “of the Interior (herein-  
7 after in this title referred to as ‘the Secretary’)”;

8 (2) in subsection (d)(1), in the first sentence,  
9 by striking “the the” and inserting “the”;

10 (3) in subsection (k)—

11 (A) by redesignating the subsection as  
12 paragraph (4) and indenting the paragraph ap-  
13 propriately; and

14 (B) by moving the paragraph so as to ap-  
15 pear at the end of subsection (b); and

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

17 “(k) REQUIREMENTS.—Before revising the bound-  
18 aries of the Park pursuant to this section or section  
19 101(c)(2)(B), the Secretary shall—

20 “(1) certify that the proposed boundary revision  
21 will contribute to, and is necessary for, the proper  
22 preservation, protection, interpretation, or manage-  
23 ment of the Park;

24 “(2) consult with the governing body of each  
25 county, city, town, or other jurisdiction with primary  
26 taxing authority over the land or interest in land to

1 be acquired regarding the impacts of the proposed  
2 boundary revision;

3 “(3) obtain from each property owner the land  
4 or interest in land of which is proposed to be ac-  
5 quired for, or lost from, the Park written consent for  
6 the proposed boundary revision; and

7 “(4) submit to the Acadia National Park Advi-  
8 sory Commission established by section 103(a), the  
9 Committee on Natural Resources of the House of  
10 Representatives, the Committee on Energy and Nat-  
11 ural Resources of the Senate, and the Maine Con-  
12 gressional Delegation a written notice of the pro-  
13 posed boundary revision.

14 “(1) LIMITATION.—The Secretary may not use the  
15 authority provided by section 100506 of title 54, United  
16 States Code, to adjust the permanent boundaries of the  
17 Park pursuant to this title.”.

18 **SEC. 4. SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT.**

19 Section 102(f) of Public Law 99–420 (16 U.S.C. 341  
20 note) is amended, in the second sentence, by striking “to-  
21 ward the cost of constructing” through the period at the  
22 end of the sentence and inserting the following: “\$350,000  
23 to a regional consortium composed of units of local govern-  
24 ment located on, or in the vicinity of, Mount Desert Is-  
25 land, Maine, that is established for the purpose of improv-

1 ing the management of the disposal and recycling of solid  
2 waste.”.

3 **SEC. 5. ACADIA NATIONAL PARK ADVISORY COMMISSION.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall reestablish  
5 and appoint members to the Acadia National Park Advi-  
6 sory Commission in accordance with section 103 of Public  
7 Law 99–420 (16 U.S.C. 341 note).

8 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 103 of  
9 Public Law 99–420 (16 U.S.C. 341 note) is amended by  
10 striking subsection (f).

11 **SEC. 6. REPEAL OF CERTAIN PROVISIONS RELATING TO**  
12 **ACADIA NATIONAL PARK.**

13 The following are repealed:

14 (1) Section 3 of the Act of February 26, 1919  
15 (40 Stat. 1178, chapter 45).

16 (2) The first section of the Act of January 19,  
17 1929 (45 Stat. 1083, chapter 77).

18 **SEC. 7. MODIFICATION OF USE RESTRICTION.**

19 The Act of August 1, 1950 (64 Stat. 383, chapter  
20 511), is amended—

21 (1) by striking “That the Secretary” and in-  
22 sserting the following:

23 **“SECTION 1. CONVEYANCE OF LAND IN ACADIA NATIONAL**  
24 **PARK.**

25 “The Secretary”; and

1           (2) by striking “for school purposes” and in-  
2           serting “for public purposes, subject to the condi-  
3           tions that use of the land shall not degrade or ad-  
4           versely impact the resources or values of Acadia Na-  
5           tional Park and that the land shall remain in public  
6           ownership for recreational, educational, or similar  
7           public purposes”.

8   **SEC. 8. CONTINUATION OF CERTAIN TRADITIONAL USES.**

9           Title I of Public Law 99–420 (16 U.S.C. 341 note)  
10          is amended by adding at the end the following:

11   **“SEC. 109. CONTINUATION OF CERTAIN TRADITIONAL USES.**

12           “In accordance with this section, the Secretary shall  
13          allow for the traditional harvesting of marine worms,  
14          clams, other shellfish, and other marine species (as defined  
15          in chapter 601 of title 12 of the Maine Revised Statutes  
16          (as in effect on the date of enactment of this section)),  
17          in accordance with the laws (including regulations and ap-  
18          plicable judicial interpretations) of the State of Maine—

19                   “(1) within the boundaries of the Park; and

20                   “(2) on any land located outside of the bound-  
21          aries of the Park with respect to which the Secretary  
22          has or obtains a property interest of any type pursu-  
23          ant to this title.”.



1 **SEC. 9. CONVEYANCE OF CERTAIN LAND IN ACADIA NA-**  
2 **TIONAL PARK TO THE TOWN OF BAR HAR-**  
3 **BOR, MAINE.**

4 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary shall convey to the  
5 Town of Bar Harbor all right, title, and interest of the  
6 United States in and to the .29-acre parcel of land in Aca-  
7 dia National Park identified as lot 110–055–000 on the  
8 tax map of the Town of Bar Harbor for section 110, dated  
9 April 1, 2015, to be used for a solid waste transfer facility.

10 (b) **REVERSION.**—If the land conveyed under sub-  
11 section (a) is used for a purpose other than the purpose  
12 described in that subsection, the land shall, at the discre-  
13 tion of the Secretary, revert to the United States.

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