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A BILL

To establish an integrated national approach to respond to ongoing and expected effects of extreme weather and climate change by protecting, managing, and conserving the fish, wildlife, and plants of the United States, and to maximize Government efficiency and reduce costs, in cooperation with State, local, and Tribal Governments and other entities, 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 “Safeguarding America’s*
5 *Future and Environment Act” or the “SAFE Act”.*

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS, PURPOSES, AND POLICY.**

7 (a) *FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—*

8 (1) *healthy, diverse, and productive communities*
9 *of fish, wildlife, and plants provide significant bene-*
10 *fits to the people and economy of the United States,*
11 *including—*

12 (A) *abundant clean water supplies;*

13 (B) *flood and coastal storm protection;*

14 (C) *clean air;*

15 (D) *a source of food, fiber, medicines, and*
16 *pollination of the crops and other plants of the*
17 *United States;*

18 (E) *outdoor recreation, which is a source of*
19 *jobs and economic stimulus;*

20 (F) *hunting and fishing opportunities and*
21 *support for subsistence communities;*

22 (G) *opportunities for scientific research and*
23 *education;*

24 (H) *world-class tourism destinations that*
25 *support local economies; and*

1 (I) sequestration and storage of carbon to
2 help mitigate changes to the global climate sys-
3 tem;

4 (2) the United States Geological Survey, Na-
5 tional Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Na-
6 tional Aeronautics and Space Administration, and
7 other agencies within the United States Global
8 Change Research Program have observed that the fish,
9 wildlife, and plants of the United States are facing
10 increasing risks from changing patterns of extreme
11 weather and climate, including—

12 (A) severe droughts and heatwaves;

13 (B) severe storms and floods;

14 (C) frequent and severe wildfires;

15 (D) more frequent and severe outbreaks of
16 forest pests and invasive species;

17 (E) flooding and erosion of coastal areas
18 due to rising sea levels;

19 (F) melting glaciers and sea ice;

20 (G) thawing permafrost;

21 (H) shifting distributions of fish, wildlife,
22 and plant populations;

23 (I) disruptive shifts in the timing of fish,
24 wildlife, and plant natural history cycles, such
25 as blooming, breeding, and seasonal migrations;

1 *(J) increasing ocean temperatures and*
2 *acidification;*

3 *(K) altered patterns of rain, snow, runoff,*
4 *and streamflow; and*

5 *(L) habitat loss, degradation, fragmenta-*
6 *tion, and movement; and*

7 *(3) the Federal Government should provide lead-*
8 *ership in preparing for and responding to the effects*
9 *described in paragraph (2) to ensure that present and*
10 *future generations continue to receive the benefits of*
11 *the abundant and diverse fish, wildlife, and plant re-*
12 *sources of the United States.*

13 *(b) PURPOSES.—The purpose of this Act is to establish*
14 *an integrated national approach—*

15 *(1) to respond to ongoing and expected effects of*
16 *extreme weather and climate change by protecting,*
17 *managing, and conserving the fish, wildlife, and*
18 *plants of the United States; and*

19 *(2) to maximize Government efficiency and re-*
20 *duce costs, in cooperation with State, local, and Trib-*
21 *al Governments and other entities.*

22 *(c) NATIONAL FISH, WILDLIFE, AND PLANTS CLIMATE*
23 *CHANGE ADAPTATION POLICY.—It is the policy of the Fed-*
24 *eral Government, in cooperation with State and local gov-*
25 *ernments, Indian Tribes, and other interested stakeholders*

1 *to evaluate and reduce the increased risks and*
2 *vulnerabilities associated with climate change and extreme*
3 *weather events, and to use all practicable means to protect,*
4 *manage, and conserve healthy, diverse, and productive fish,*
5 *wildlife, and plant populations.*

6 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

7 *In this Act:*

8 (1) *ADAPTATION.*—*The term “adaptation”*
9 *means—*

10 (A) *the process of adjustment to actual or*
11 *expected climate and the effects of climate*
12 *change; and*

13 (B) *with respect to fish, wildlife, and*
14 *plants, protection, management, and conserva-*
15 *tion efforts designed to maintain or enhance the*
16 *ability of fish, wildlife, and plants to withstand,*
17 *adjust to, or recover from the effects of extreme*
18 *weather and climate change (including, where*
19 *applicable, ocean acidification, drought, flooding,*
20 *and wildfire).*

21 (2) *CENTER.*—*The term “Center” means the Na-*
22 *tional Climate Change and Wildlife Science Center*
23 *established under section 6(a)(1).*

24 (3) *COMMITTEE.*—*The term “Committee” means*
25 *the Advisory Committee on Climate Change and Nat-*

1 *ural Resource Sciences established under section*
2 *6(b)(1).*

3 (4) *ECOLOGICAL PROCESSES.*—*The term “eco-*
4 *logical processes” means biological, chemical, or phys-*
5 *ical interaction between the biotic and abiotic compo-*
6 *nents of an ecosystem, including—*

7 (A) *decomposition;*

8 (B) *disease epizootiology;*

9 (C) *disturbance regimes, such as fire and*
10 *flooding;*

11 (D) *gene flow;*

12 (E) *hydrological cycling;*

13 (F) *larval dispersal and settlement;*

14 (G) *nutrient cycling;*

15 (H) *pollination;*

16 (I) *predator-prey relationships; and*

17 (J) *soil formation.*

18 (5) *HABITAT.*—*The term “habitat” means the*
19 *physical, chemical, and biological properties that fish,*
20 *wildlife, or plants use for growth, reproduction, sur-*
21 *vival, food, water, or cover (whether on land, in*
22 *water, or in an area or region).*

23 (6) *HABITAT CONNECTIVITY.*—*The term “habitat*
24 *connectivity” means areas that facilitate terrestrial,*

1 *marine, estuarine, and freshwater fish, wildlife, or*
2 *plant movement that is necessary—*

3 *(A) for migration, gene flow, or dispersal;*

4 *or*

5 *(B) to respond to the ongoing and expected*
6 *effects of climate change (including, where appli-*
7 *cable, ocean acidification, drought, flooding, and*
8 *wildfire).*

9 *(7) INDIAN TRIBE.—The term “Indian Tribe”*
10 *has the meaning given the term in section 4 of the In-*
11 *dian Self-Determination and Education Assistance*
12 *Act (25 U.S.C. 5304(e)).*

13 *(8) NATIONAL STRATEGY.—The term “National*
14 *Strategy” means the National Fish, Wildlife, and*
15 *Plants Climate Adaptation Strategy released March*
16 *26, 2013.*

17 *(9) RESILIENCE; RESILIENT.—The terms “resil-*
18 *ience” and “resilient” mean the ability to anticipate,*
19 *prepare for, and adapt to changing conditions and*
20 *withstand, respond to, and recover rapidly from dis-*
21 *ruptions.*

22 *(10) STATE.—The term “State” means—*

23 *(A) a State of the United States;*

24 *(B) the District of Columbia;*

25 *(C) American Samoa;*

1 (D) Guam;

2 (E) the Commonwealth of the Northern
3 Mariana Islands;

4 (F) the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico; and

5 (G) the United States Virgin Islands.

6 (11) *WORKING GROUP*.—The term “Working
7 Group” means the National Fish, Wildlife, and
8 Plants Climate Adaptation Strategy Joint Implemen-
9 tation Working Group established under section 4(a).

10 **SEC. 4. NATIONAL FISH, WILDLIFE, AND PLANTS CLIMATE**
11 **ADAPTATION STRATEGY JOINT IMPLEMENTA-**
12 **TION WORKING GROUP.**

13 (a) *ESTABLISHMENT*.—Not later than 90 days after
14 the date of enactment of this Act, the President shall estab-
15 lish a National Fish, Wildlife, and Plants Climate Adapta-
16 tion Strategy Joint Implementation Working Group com-
17 posed of the heads of Federal and State agencies or depart-
18 ments with jurisdiction over fish, wildlife, and plant re-
19 sources of the United States, and Tribal representatives, as
20 follows:

21 (1) *The Administrator of the Environmental*
22 *Protection Agency.*

23 (2) *The Administrator of the Federal Emergency*
24 *Management Agency.*

1 (3) *The Administrator of the National Oceanic*
2 *and Atmospheric Administration.*

3 (4) *The Chair of the Council on Environmental*
4 *Quality.*

5 (5) *The Chief of Engineers.*

6 (6) *The Chief of the Forest Service.*

7 (7) *The Commissioner of Reclamation.*

8 (8) *The Director of the Bureau of Indian Affairs.*

9 (9) *The Director of the Bureau of Land Manage-*
10 *ment.*

11 (10) *The Director of the National Park Service.*

12 (11) *The Director of the United States Fish and*
13 *Wildlife Service.*

14 (12) *The Director of the United States Geological*
15 *Survey.*

16 (13) *The Secretary of Agriculture.*

17 (14) *The Secretary of Defense.*

18 (15) *State representatives from each regional as-*
19 *sociation of State fish and wildlife agencies.*

20 (16) *Not less than 2 Tribal representatives.*

21 (b) *DUTIES.*—*The Working Group shall serve as a*
22 *forum for interagency consultation on, and the coordination*
23 *of, the development and implementation of the National*
24 *Strategy.*

25 (c) *CO-CHAIRS.*—*There shall be 4 co-chairs, of whom—*

1 (1) *two shall be representatives of the Federal*
2 *Government;*

3 (2) *one shall be a representative of a State; and*

4 (3) *one shall be a Tribal representative.*

5 **SEC. 5. NATIONAL FISH, WILDLIFE, AND PLANTS CLIMATE**
6 **ADAPTATION STRATEGY.**

7 (a) *IN GENERAL.—The Working Group shall adopt the*
8 *National Strategy to protect, manage, and conserve fish,*
9 *wildlife, and plants to maintain the inherent resilience and*
10 *adaptability of fish, wildlife, and plants to withstand the*
11 *ongoing and expected effects of extreme weather and climate*
12 *change.*

13 (b) *REVIEW AND REVISION.—Not later than 1 year*
14 *after each release of the assessment required under section*
15 *106 of the Global Change Research Act of 1990 (15 U.S.C.*
16 *2936), the Working Group shall—*

17 (1) *use sound science to review and revise the*
18 *National Strategy to incorporate—*

19 (A) *new information regarding the ongoing*
20 *and expected effects of climate change on fish,*
21 *wildlife, and plants; and*

22 (B) *advances in the development of fish,*
23 *wildlife, and plant adaptation strategies; and*

24 (2) *in carrying out paragraph (1), provide pub-*
25 *lic notice and opportunity for comment.*

1 (c) *CONTENTS.*—A revised National Strategy shall—

2 (1) *assess the vulnerability of fish, wildlife, and*
3 *plants to climate change, including short-term, me-*
4 *dium-term, long-term, and cumulative impacts;*

5 (2) *describe current observation and monitoring*
6 *activities at the Federal, State, Tribal, and local lev-*
7 *els relating to the ongoing and expected effects of cli-*
8 *mate change on fish, wildlife, and plants;*

9 (3) *identify and prioritize research and data*
10 *needs;*

11 (4) *identify fish, wildlife, and plants likely to*
12 *have the greatest need for protection, restoration, and*
13 *conservation due to the ongoing and expanding effects*
14 *of extreme weather and climate change;*

15 (5) *include specific protocols for integrating fish,*
16 *wildlife, and plant adaptation strategies and activi-*
17 *ties into the conservation and management of natural*
18 *resources by Federal agencies to ensure consistency*
19 *across agency jurisdictions;*

20 (6) *identify opportunities for maintaining, re-*
21 *storing, or enhancing fish, wildlife, and plants to re-*
22 *duce the risks of extreme weather and climate change*
23 *on other vulnerable sectors of society;*

24 (7) *identify Federal policies and actions that*
25 *may reduce resilience and increase the vulnerability*

1 *of fish, wildlife, and plants to extreme weather and*
2 *climate change;*

3 *(8) include specific actions that Federal agencies*
4 *shall take to protect, conserve, and manage fish, wild-*
5 *life, and plants to maintain the inherent resilience*
6 *and adaptability of fish, wildlife, and plants to with-*
7 *stand, adjust to, or recover from the ongoing and ex-*
8 *pected effects of climate change, including a timeline*
9 *to implement those actions;*

10 *(9) include specific mechanisms for ensuring*
11 *communication and coordination—*

12 *(A) among Federal agencies; and*

13 *(B) between Federal agencies and State*
14 *agencies, territories of the United States, Indian*
15 *Tribes, private landowners, conservation organi-*
16 *zations, and other countries that share jurisdic-*
17 *tion over fish, wildlife, and plants with the*
18 *United States;*

19 *(10) include specific actions to develop and im-*
20 *plement coordinated fish, wildlife, and plants inven-*
21 *tory and monitoring protocols through interagency*
22 *coordination and collaboration with States and local*
23 *governments, Indian Tribes, and private organiza-*
24 *tions; and*

1 (11) include procedures for guiding the develop-
2 ment of detailed strategy implementation plans re-
3 quired under section 7.

4 (d) IMPLEMENTATION.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—Consistent with other laws
6 and Federal trust responsibilities concerning Indian
7 land or rights of Indians under treaties with the
8 United States, each Federal agency shall integrate the
9 elements of the National Strategy that relate to con-
10 servation, management, and protection of fish, wild-
11 life, and plants into agency plans, environmental re-
12 views, and programs.

13 (2) PUBLIC REPORT.—The Working Group shall,
14 on a biannual basis, between revisions to the National
15 Strategy, make available to the public a report docu-
16 menting any actions implementing the Strategy.

17 (3) COORDINATION.—The Working Group shall
18 coordinate the implementation of the National Strat-
19 egy with Federal agencies not represented on the
20 Working Group to achieve the policy of the United
21 States described in section 2(c).

22 **SEC. 6. FISH, WILDLIFE, AND PLANTS ADAPTATION**
23 **SCIENCE AND INFORMATION.**

24 (a) NATIONAL CLIMATE CHANGE AND WILDLIFE
25 **SCIENCE CENTER.—**

1 (1) *AUTHORIZATION.*—*The Secretary of the Interior, in collaboration with the States, Indian Tribes,*
2 *and other partner organizations, shall establish a National Climate Change and Wildlife Science Center.*

5 (2) *DUTIES OF CENTER.*—*The Center shall assess and develop scientific information, tools, strategies,*
6 *and techniques to support the Working Group, Federal and State agencies, Tribes, regionally based*
7 *science and conservation centers, regional coordinating entities, and other interested parties in ad-*
8 *ressing the effects of extreme weather and climate change on fish, wildlife, and plants.*

13 (3) *GENERAL AUTHORITY TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTS, GRANTS, AND COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS.*—
14 *The Secretary may enter into contracts, grants, or cooperative agreements with State agencies, State coop-*
15 *erative extension services, institutions of higher education, other research or educational institutions and*
16 *organizations, Tribal organizations, Federal and private agencies and organizations, individuals, and any*
17 *other contractor or recipient, to further the duties under paragraph (2) without regard to—*

23 (A) *any requirements for competition;*

24 (B) *section 6101 of title 41, United States*

25 *Code; or*

1 (C) subsections (a) and (b) of section 3324
2 of title 31, United States Code.

3 (b) *ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON CLIMATE CHANGE AND*
4 *NATURAL RESOURCE SCIENCES.*—

5 (1) *IN GENERAL.*—Not later than 180 days after
6 the date of enactment of this Act, and pursuant to the
7 Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.), the
8 Secretary of the Interior shall establish an Advisory
9 Committee on Climate Change and Natural Resource
10 Sciences.

11 (2) *MEMBERSHIP.*—The Committee shall be com-
12 prised of 25 members who—

13 (A) represent—

14 (i) Federal agencies;

15 (ii) State, local, and Tribal Govern-
16 ments;

17 (iii) nongovernmental organizations;

18 (iv) academic institutions; and

19 (v) the private sector; and

20 (B) have expertise in—

21 (i) biology (including fish, wildlife,
22 plant, aquatic, coastal, and marine biol-
23 ogy);

24 (ii) ecology;

1 (iii) climate change (including, where
2 applicable, ocean acidification, drought,
3 flooding, and wildfire); and

4 (iv) other relevant scientific dis-
5 ciplines.

6 (3) CHAIR.—The Secretary of the Interior shall
7 appoint a Committee Chair from among the members
8 of the Committee.

9 (4) DUTIES.—The Committee shall—

10 (A) advise the Working Group on the state
11 of the science regarding—

12 (i) the ongoing and expected effects of
13 extreme weather and climate change on fish,
14 wildlife, and plants; and

15 (ii) scientific strategies and mecha-
16 nisms for fish, wildlife, and plant adapta-
17 tion;

18 (B) identify and recommend priorities for
19 ongoing research needs on the issues described in
20 subparagraph (A) to inform the research prior-
21 ities of the Center described in subsection (a) and
22 other Federal climate science institutions; and

23 (C) review and comment on each revised
24 National Strategy before that National Strategy
25 is finalized.

1 (5) *COLLABORATION.*—*The Committee shall col-*
2 *laborate with climate change and fish, wildlife, and*
3 *plant research entities in other Federal agencies and*
4 *departments.*

5 (6) *AVAILABILITY TO PUBLIC.*—*The advice and*
6 *recommendations of the Committee shall be made*
7 *available to the public.*

8 **SEC. 7. STRATEGY IMPLEMENTATION PLAN.**

9 (a) *DEVELOPMENT.*—*Not later than 1 year after the*
10 *date of enactment of this Act and not later than 1 year*
11 *after the date of each revision of the National Strategy, the*
12 *Working Group shall—*

13 (1) *complete a strategy implementation plan;*

14 (2) *provide opportunities for public review and*
15 *comment on the plan; and*

16 (3) *submit the plan to the President for ap-*
17 *proval.*

18 (b) *REQUIREMENTS.*—*The strategy implementation*
19 *plan shall—*

20 (1) *identify and prioritize specific conservation*
21 *and management strategies and actions that address*
22 *the ongoing and expected effects of extreme weather*
23 *and climate change on fish, wildlife, and plants, in-*
24 *cluding—*

1 (A) protection, management, and conserva-
2 tion of terrestrial, marine, estuarine, and fresh-
3 water habitats and ecosystems;

4 (B) establishment of terrestrial, marine, es-
5 tuarine, and freshwater habitat connectivity cor-
6 ridors;

7 (C) restoration and conservation of ecologi-
8 cal processes;

9 (D) protection of a broad diversity of spe-
10 cies of fish, wildlife, and plant populations; and

11 (E) protection of fish, wildlife, and plant
12 health, recognizing that climate can alter the dis-
13 tribution and ecology of parasites, pathogens,
14 and vectors;

15 (2) establish methods—

16 (A) to assess the effectiveness of strategies
17 and conservation actions implemented by the
18 agencies to protect, manage, and conserve fish,
19 wildlife, and plants; and

20 (B) to update those strategies and actions to
21 respond to new information and changing condi-
22 tions;

23 (3) describe current and proposed mechanisms to
24 enhance cooperation and coordination of fish, wildlife,
25 and plant adaptation efforts with other Federal agen-

1 *cies, State and local governments, Indian Tribes, and*
2 *nongovernmental stakeholders;*

3 *(4) include written guidance to resource man-*
4 *agers; and*

5 *(5) identify and assess data and information*
6 *gaps necessary to develop fish, wildlife, and plant ad-*
7 *aptation plans and strategies.*

8 *(c) IMPLEMENTATION.—*

9 *(1) IN GENERAL.—On approval by the President,*
10 *each Federal agency shall, consistent with existing*
11 *authority, implement the strategy implementation*
12 *plan under subsection (a)(1) through existing and*
13 *new plans, policies, programs, activities, and actions.*

14 *(2) CONSIDERATION OF EFFECTS.—To the max-*
15 *imum extent practicable and consistent with existing*
16 *authority, fish, wildlife, and plant conservation and*
17 *management decisions made by each Federal agency*
18 *shall consider and promote resilience to the ongoing*
19 *and expected effects of extreme weather and climate*
20 *change.*

21 *(d) REVISION AND REVIEW.—Not later than 1 year*
22 *after the National Strategy is revised under section 5(b),*
23 *the Working Group shall review and revise the strategy im-*
24 *plementation plan under subsection (a)(1) to incorporate*
25 *the best available science, including advice and information*

1 *pursuant to section 6 and other information, regarding the*
2 *ongoing and expected effects of climate change on fish, wild-*
3 *life, and plants.*

4 **SEC. 8. STATE FISH, WILDLIFE, AND PLANTS ADAPTATION**
5 **PLANS.**

6 (a) *REQUIREMENT.*—*To be eligible to receive funds*
7 *pursuant to subsection (d), not later than 1 year after the*
8 *date of enactment of this Act and not later than 1 year*
9 *after the date of each revision of the National Strategy, each*
10 *State shall prepare and submit to the Secretary of the Inte-*
11 *rior and the Secretary of Commerce, a State fish, wildlife,*
12 *and plant adaptation plan detailing current and future ef-*
13 *forts of the State to address the ongoing and expected effects*
14 *of climate change on fish, wildlife, and plants and coastal*
15 *areas within the jurisdiction of the State.*

16 (b) *REVIEW OR APPROVAL.*—*The Secretary of the Inte-*
17 *rior and the Secretary of Commerce shall—*

18 (1) *review each State adaptation plan; and*

19 (2) *approve a State adaptation plan if the*
20 *plan—*

21 (A) *meets the requirements of subsection (c);*

22 *and*

23 (B) *is consistent with the National Strat-*
24 *egy.*

25 (c) *CONTENTS.*—*A State adaptation plan shall—*

1 (1) *meet the requirements described in section*
2 *7(b), except that the requirements of that section re-*
3 *lating to marine habitats or ecosystems shall not*
4 *apply to a State in which those habitats or ecosystems*
5 *do not exist;*

6 (2) *include the adaptation provisions of any*
7 *State comprehensive wildlife conservation strategy (or*
8 *State wildlife action plan) that has been—*

9 (A) *submitted to the Director of the United*
10 *States Fish and Wildlife Service; and*

11 (B) *approved, or is pending approval, by*
12 *the Director of the United States Fish and Wild-*
13 *life Service;*

14 (3) *include the adaptation provisions of a state-*
15 *wide assessment and strategy for forest resources re-*
16 *quired under section 2A of the Cooperative Forestry*
17 *Assistance Act of 1978 (16 U.S.C. 2101a) that has*
18 *been—*

19 (A) *submitted to the Secretary of Agri-*
20 *culture; and*

21 (B) *approved, or is pending approval, by*
22 *the Secretary of Agriculture; and*

23 (4) *in the case of a State with coastal areas, in-*
24 *clude the adaptation provisions of a Coastal Zone*

1 *Management Plan or a Coastal and Estuarine Land*
2 *Conservation Program Plan that has been—*

3 *(A) submitted to the Administrator of the*
4 *National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administra-*
5 *tion; and*

6 *(B) approved, or is pending approval, by*
7 *the Administrator of the National Oceanic and*
8 *Atmospheric Administration.*

9 *(d) DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS TO STATES.—Any funds*
10 *made available pursuant to this Act shall be—*

11 *(1) used to carry out activities in accordance*
12 *with adaptation plans approved under this section;*
13 *and*

14 *(2) made available through—*

15 *(A) the State and Tribal wildlife grant pro-*
16 *gram under title I of division F of the Consoli-*
17 *dated Appropriations Act, 2008 (Public Law*
18 *110–161; 121 Stat. 2103); and*

19 *(B)(i) the grant program under section 306*
20 *of the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (16*
21 *U.S.C. 1455);*

22 *(ii) the Coastal and Estuarine Land Con-*
23 *servation Program established under title II of*
24 *the Department of Commerce and Related Agen-*

1 *cies Appropriations Act, 2002 (16 U.S.C.*
2 *1456d); and*

3 *(iii) programs established under the Cooper-*
4 *ative Forestry Assistance Act of 1978 (16 U.S.C.*
5 *2101 et seq.).*

6 *(e) PUBLIC INPUT.—In developing an adaptation*
7 *plan, a State shall solicit and consider input from the pub-*
8 *lic and independent scientists.*

9 *(f) COORDINATION WITH OTHER PLANS.—A State ad-*
10 *aptation plan shall, where appropriate, integrate the goals*
11 *and measures set forth in other climate adaptation, hazard*
12 *mitigation, and fish, wildlife, and plant conservation strat-*
13 *egies and plans.*

14 *(g) UPDATES.—Each State adaptation plan shall be*
15 *updated at least every 4 years.*

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