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# H. R. 5497

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and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 18, 2025

Mr. TIFFANY (for himself, Mr. STEIL, Mr. WIED, Mr. GROTHMAN, Mr. FITZGERALD, and Mr. VAN ORDEN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

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## A BILL

To provide for the designation of Apostle Islands National  
Park and Preserve, 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 “Apostle Islands Na-  
5 tional Park and Preserve Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. APOSTLE ISLANDS NATIONAL PARK AND PRE-**  
7 **SERVE.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—

9 (1) REDESIGNATION.—Apostle Islands National  
10 Lakeshore, established under Public Law 91–424

(16 U.S.C. 460w et seq.), shall be known and designated as “Apostle Islands National Park and Preserve”, comprised of—

(A) Apostle Islands National Park; and

(B) Apostle Islands National Preserve.

(2) APOSTLE ISLANDS NATIONAL PARK.—

(A) BOUNDARIES.—The boundaries of Apostle Islands National Park are the boundaries of the area generally depicted as “Apostle Islands National Park Proposed Boundary” on the Map.

(B) ASHLAND HARBOR BREAKWATER LIGHT.—Nothing in this Act creates a protective perimeter or buffer zone around the boundary of the property labeled “Ashland Harbor Breakwater Light” on the Map.

(3) APOSTLE ISLANDS NATIONAL PRESERVE.—

The boundaries of Apostle Islands National Preserve are the boundaries of the area generally depicted as “Apostle Islands National Preserve Proposed Boundary” on the Map.

(b) ADMINISTRATION.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Apostle Islands National Park and Preserve shall be administered by

1 the Secretary as a single unit of the National Park  
2 System in accordance with—

3 (A) this section;

4 (B) the laws generally applicable to units  
5 of the National Park System, including—

6 (i) sections 100101(a), 100751(a),  
7 100752, 100753, and 102101 of title 54,  
8 United States Code; and

9 (ii) chapters 1003 and 3201 of title  
10 54, United States Code; and

11 (C) except as provided in paragraph (2),  
12 Public Law 91-424 (16 U.S.C. 460w et seq.).

13 (2) HUNTING, FISHING, AND TRAPPING.—

14 (A) HUNTING AND TRAPPING.—

15 (i) APOSTLE ISLANDS NATIONAL  
16 PARK.—Except where permitted under a  
17 treaty, statute, or executive order per-  
18 taining to a Tribe, hunting and trapping  
19 are prohibited within Apostle Islands Na-  
20 tional Park.

21 (ii) APOSTLE ISLANDS NATIONAL PRE-  
22 SERVE.—The Secretary shall administer  
23 hunting and trapping within Apostle Is-  
24 lands National Preserve—

1 (I) in the same manner that  
2 hunting and trapping were adminis-  
3 tered on the day before the date of  
4 the enactment of this Act within the  
5 portion of Apostle Islands National  
6 Lakeshore that comprises Apostle Is-  
7 lands National Preserve; and

8 (II) in accordance with section 5  
9 of Public Law 91-424 (16 U.S.C.  
10 460w-4) and other applicable laws.

11 (B) FISHING.—The Secretary shall admin-  
12 ister fishing within the Apostle Islands National  
13 Park and Preserve—

14 (i) in the same manner that fishing  
15 was administered within the Apostle Is-  
16 lands National Lakeshore on the day be-  
17 fore the date of enactment of this Act; and

18 (ii) in accordance with section 5 of  
19 Public Law 91-424 (16 U.S.C. 460w-4)  
20 and other applicable laws.

21 (C) PRIVATE LAND.—Nothing in this sec-  
22 tion prohibits hunting, fishing, or trapping on  
23 private land in accordance with applicable State  
24 and Federal laws.

25 (c) REFERENCES AND MAP.—

1 (1) REFERENCES.—

2 (A) IN GENERAL.—Any reference in a law,  
3 map, regulation, document, paper, or other  
4 record of the United States to “Apostle Islands  
5 National Lakeshore” shall be deemed to be a  
6 reference to “Apostle Islands National Park  
7 and Preserve”.

8 (B) PUBLIC LAW 91–424.—Any reference in  
9 Public Law 91–424 (16 U.S.C. 460w et seq.) to  
10 the “lakeshore” shall be deemed to be a ref-  
11 erence to “Apostle Islands National Park and  
12 Preserve”.

13 (2) MAP.—The Map shall be on file and avail-  
14 able for public inspection in the appropriate offices  
15 of the National Park Service.

16 (d) INTERPRETIVE FEATURES.—The Secretary shall  
17 include at the principal visitor centers of the Apostle Is-  
18 lands National Park and Preserve the following interpre-  
19 tive features:

20 (1) Signage that describes the history of the re-  
21 gion, including information about the Ojibwe tribes,  
22 early European settlers, fur trade, logging, stone  
23 quarries, lighthouses and commercial fishing.

24 (2) A copy of this Act.

1       (e) TREATY AND RESERVED RIGHTS.—Nothing in  
2 this Act shall be construed as affecting any rights granted,  
3 reserved, or established pursuant to treaty, statute, or ex-  
4 ecutive order pertaining to any Tribe, including, but not  
5 limited to, rights to hunt, trap, fish, and gather on lands  
6 included within the boundary of Apostle Islands National  
7 Park and Preserve or any other rights asserted by any  
8 Tribe.

9       (f) DEFINITIONS.—In this Act:

10           (1) MAP.—The term “Map” means the map ti-  
11 tled “Apostle Islands National Park and Preserve  
12 Proposed Boundaries”, numbered 633/193,514, and  
13 dated October 2024.

14           (2) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means  
15 the Secretary of the Interior.

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