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Page 1660, after line 6, insert the following:

SEC. 71003. NATIONAL ACADEMIES ASSESSMENT OF OIL SPILLS AND PLASTIC INGESTION ON SEA LIFE.

Not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Commerce, acting through the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, shall seek to enter into an agreement with the National Academies of Science, Engineering, and Medicine to conduct a comprehensive assessment of the environmental impacts of plastic ingestion and oil and other fossil fuel spills on sea life, including—

(1) assessment of the potential health and ecological impacts of plastic ingestion on marine life;

(2) assessment of the types of plastics most commonly ingested by marine life and the types that have the most damaging health and ecosystem impacts, and recommendations for preventing and eliminating these plastics from the environment;
(3) quantification of the economic impacts of plastic pollution including the costs of cleanup, impacts on lost tourism, impacts on aquaculture and fishing, and other economic impacts identified by the Academy;

(4) assessment and quantification of the health and ecological impacts oil and other fossil fuel spills, flares, pipeline leaks, and extraction, including greenhouse gas emissions, have on marine life;

(5) quantification of the cost and effectiveness of cleaning up oil and other fossil fuel spills, flares, and pipeline leaks, and repairing damage to marine life, coasts, and businesses;

(6) quantification of the number of people employed in fossil fuel extraction on Federal waters with breakdown by State;

(7) quantification of the number of people employed in marine tourism and the blue economy, including the fishing and seafood industries, impacted by plastic, oil, and other fossil fuel pollution; and

(8) assessment and quantification of riverine sources of coastal plastic pollution in the United States, including a breakdown by sources that includes but is not limited to the Mississippi River.