

**AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 117-2**

**OFFERED BY MS. PINGREE OF MAINE**

At the end of the bill, add the following:

1       **TITLE IX—YORK RIVER WILD**  
2                   **AND SCENIC RIVER**

3       **SEC. 901. SHORT TITLE.**

4           This Act may be cited as “York River Wild and See-  
5       nic River Act”.

6       **SEC. 902. WILD AND SCENIC RIVER DESIGNATION.**

7           Section 3(a) of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (16  
8       U.S.C. 1274(a)) is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
9       lowing:

10           “( ) YORK RIVER, MAINE.—Segments of the  
11       main stem and its tributaries in the State of Maine,  
12       Bass Cove Creek, Cider Hill Creek, Cutts Ridge  
13       Brook, Dolly Gordon Brook, Libby Brook, Rogers  
14       Brook, Smelt Brook, totaling approximately 30.8  
15       miles, to be administered by the Secretary of the In-  
16       terior, as a recreational river:

17           “(A) The approximately 0.95-mile segment  
18       of Bass Cove Creek from the outlet of Boulter  
19       Pond in York, Maine, and extending down-

1 stream to its confluence with the York River in  
2 York, Maine.

3 “(B) The approximately 3.77-mile segment  
4 of Cider Hill Creek from the Middle Pond dam  
5 in York, Maine, and extending downstream to  
6 its confluence with the York River in York,  
7 Maine.

8 “(C) The approximately 2.15-mile segment  
9 of Cutts Ridge Brook from its headwaters in  
10 Kittery, Maine, and extending downstream to  
11 its confluence with the York River in York,  
12 Maine.

13 “(D) The approximately 3.17-mile segment  
14 of Dolly Gordon Brook from its headwaters in  
15 York, Maine, and extending downstream to its  
16 confluence with the York River in York, Maine.

17 “(E) The approximately 1.65-mile segment  
18 of Libby Brook from its headwaters in Kittery,  
19 Maine, and extending downstream to its con-  
20 fluence with Dolly Gordon Brook in York,  
21 Maine.

22 “(F) The approximately 2.43-mile segment  
23 of Rogers Brook from its headwaters in Eliot,  
24 Maine, and extending downstream to its con-  
25 fluence with the York River in York, Maine.

1           “(G) The approximately 4.54-mile segment  
2 of Smelt Brook from the Bell Marsh Reservoir  
3 dam in York, Maine, and extending downstream  
4 to its confluence with the York River in York,  
5 Maine.

6           “(H) The approximately 12.14-mile seg-  
7 ment of the York River from the outlet of York  
8 Pond in Eliot, Maine, and extending down-  
9 stream to the Route 103 Bridge in York,  
10 Maine, including Barrell Mill Pond in York,  
11 Maine.”.

12 **SEC. 903. MANAGEMENT OF YORK RIVER, MAINE SEG-**  
13 **MENTS.**

14 (a) PROCESS.—

15 (1) IN GENERAL.—The York River, Maine seg-  
16 ments shall be managed in accordance with—

17 (A) the stewardship plan; and

18 (B) such amendments to the stewardship  
19 plan as the Secretary determines are consistent  
20 with this section and as are approved by the  
21 Stewardship Committee.

22 (2) COMPREHENSIVE MANAGEMENT PLAN.—

23 The stewardship plan shall be considered to satisfy  
24 the requirements for a comprehensive management

1 plan under section 3(d) of the Wild and Scenic Riv-  
2 ers Act (16 U.S.C. 1274(d)).

3 (b) COMMITTEE.—The Secretary shall coordinate  
4 management responsibilities under this title with the  
5 Stewardship Committee, as specified in the stewardship  
6 plan.

7 (c) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS.—

8 (1) IN GENERAL.—In order to provide for the  
9 long-term protection, preservation, and enhancement  
10 of the York River, Maine segments, the Secretary  
11 may enter into cooperative agreements pursuant to  
12 sections 10(e) and 11(b)(1) of the Wild and Scenic  
13 Rivers Act (16 U.S.C. 1281(e) and 1282(b)(1))  
14 with—

15 (A) the State of Maine;

16 (B) the municipalities of Eliot, Kittery,  
17 South Berwick, and York in Maine; and

18 (C) appropriate local, regional, or State  
19 planning, environmental, or recreational organi-  
20 zations.

21 (2) CONSISTENCY.—Each cooperative agree-  
22 ment entered into under this subsection shall be con-  
23 sistent with the stewardship plan and may include  
24 provisions for financial or other assistance from the  
25 United States.

1 (d) LAND MANAGEMENT.—

2 (1) ZONING ORDINANCES.—For the purpose of  
3 the York River, Maine segments, the zoning ordi-  
4 nances adopted by the municipalities named in sub-  
5 section (c)(1)(B), including provisions for conserva-  
6 tion of floodplains, wetlands, and watercourses asso-  
7 ciated with the York River, Maine segments, shall be  
8 deemed to satisfy the standards and requirements of  
9 section 6(c) of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (16  
10 U.S.C. 1277(c)).

11 (2) ACQUISITION OF LANDS.—The authority of  
12 the Secretary to acquire land for the purposes of the  
13 York River, Maine segments shall be—

14 (A) limited to acquisition by donation or  
15 acquisition with the consent of the owner of the  
16 land; and

17 (B) subject to the additional criteria set  
18 forth in the stewardship plan.

19 (3) NO CONDEMNATION.—No land or interest  
20 in land within the watersheds of the York River,  
21 Maine segments may be acquired by condemnation.

22 (e) RELATION TO THE NATIONAL PARK SYSTEM.—  
23 Notwithstanding section 10(c) of the Wild and Scenic Riv-  
24 ers Act (16 U.S.C. 1281(c)), the York River, Maine seg-  
25 ments shall not—

1           (1) be administered as a unit of the National  
2 Park System; or

3           (2) be subject to regulations that govern the  
4 National Park System.

5 (f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

6           (1) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means  
7 the Secretary of the Interior.

8           (2) STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE.—The term  
9 “Stewardship Committee” means the York River  
10 Stewardship Committee.

11           (3) STEWARDSHIP PLAN.—The term “steward-  
12 ship plan” means the York River Watershed Stew-  
13 ardsHIP Plan, dated August 2018, developed pursu-  
14 ant to the study described in section 5(b)(21) of the  
15 Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (16 U.S.C.  
16 1276(b)(21)).

17           (4) YORK RIVER, MAINE SEGMENTS.—The term  
18 “York River, Maine segments” means the river seg-  
19 ments described by the amendment made by section  
20 902.

