

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 200, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MR. QUIGLEY OF ILLINOIS**

Add at the end the following:

1 **TITLE _____—GREAT LAKES MONI-**
2 **TORING, ASSESSMENT,**
3 **SCIENCE, AND RESEARCH**

4 **SEC. __01. DEFINITIONS.**

5 In this title:

6 (1) DIRECTOR.—The term “Director” means
7 the Director of the United States Geological Survey.

8 (2) GREAT LAKES BASIN.—The term “Great
9 Lakes Basin” means the air, land, water, and living
10 organisms in the United States within the drainage
11 basin of the Saint Lawrence River at and upstream
12 from the point at which such river and the Great
13 Lakes become the international boundary between
14 Canada and the United States.

15 **SEC. __02. FINDINGS.**

16 Congress finds the following:

17 (1) The Great Lakes support a diverse eco-
18 system, on which the vibrant and economically valu-
19 able Great Lakes fisheries depend.

1 (2) To continue successful fisheries manage-
2 ment and coordination, as has occurred since signing
3 of the Convention on Great Lakes Fisheries between
4 the United States and Canada on September 10,
5 1954, management of the ecosystem and its fisheries
6 require sound, reliable science, and the use of mod-
7 ern scientific technologies.

8 (3) Fisheries research is necessary to support
9 multi-jurisdictional fishery management decisions
10 and actions regarding recreational and sport fishing,
11 commercial fisheries, tribal harvest, allocation deci-
12 sions, and fish stocking activities.

13 (4) President Richard Nixon submitted, and the
14 Congress approved, Reorganization Plan No. 4 (84
15 Stat. 2090), conferring science activities and man-
16 agement of marine fisheries to the National Oceanic
17 and Atmospheric Administration.

18 (5) Reorganization Plan No. 4 expressly ex-
19 cluded fishery research activities within the Great
20 Lakes from the transfer, retaining management and
21 scientific research duties within the already estab-
22 lished jurisdictions under the 1954 Convention on
23 Great Lakes Fisheries, including those of the Great
24 Lakes Fishery Commission and the Department of
25 the Interior.

1 **SEC. __03. GREAT LAKES MONITORING, ASSESSMENT,**
2 **SCIENCE, AND RESEARCH.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Director may conduct moni-
4 toring, assessment, science, and research, in support of
5 the binational fisheries within the Great Lakes Basin.

6 (b) SPECIFIC AUTHORITIES.—The Director shall,
7 under subsection (a)—

8 (1) execute a comprehensive, multi-lake, fresh-
9 water fisheries science program;

10 (2) coordinate with and work cooperatively with
11 regional, State, tribal, and local governments; and

12 (3) consult with other interested entities
13 groups, including academia and relevant Canadian
14 agencies.

15 (c) INCLUDED RESEARCH.—To properly serve the
16 needs of fisheries managers, monitoring, assessment,
17 science, and research under this section may include—

18 (1) deepwater ecosystem sciences;

19 (2) biological and food-web components;

20 (3) fish movement and behavior investigations;

21 (4) fish population structures;

22 (5) fish habitat investigations;

23 (6) invasive species science;

24 (7) use of existing, new, and experimental bio-
25 logical assessment tools, equipment, vessels, other
26 scientific instrumentation and laboratory capabilities

1 necessary to support fishery management decisions;
2 and

3 (8) studies to assess impacts on Great Lakes
4 fishery resources.

5 (d) SAVINGS CLAUSE.—Nothing in this title is in-
6 tended or shall be construed to impede, supersede, or alter
7 the authority of the Great Lakes Fishery Commission,
8 States, and Indian tribes under the Convention on Great
9 Lakes Fisheries between the United States of America and
10 Canada on September 10, 1954, and the Great Lakes
11 Fishery Act of 1956 (16 U.S.C. 931 et seq.).

12 **SEC. _04. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

13 For each of fiscal years 2018 through 2027, there
14 is authorized to be appropriated \$17,500,000 to carry out
15 this title.

