

AMENDMENT TO
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At the end of title LVIII of division E, insert the following:

1 **SEC. ____ . REGIONAL WATER PROGRAMS.**

2 (a) SAN FRANCISCO BAY RESTORATION GRANT PRO-
3 GRAM.—Title I of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act
4 (33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end
5 the following:

6 **“SEC. 124. SAN FRANCISCO BAY RESTORATION GRANT PRO-**
7 **GRAM.**

8 “(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

9 “(1) ESTUARY PARTNERSHIP.—The term ‘Es-
10 tuary Partnership’ means the San Francisco Estu-
11 ary Partnership, designated as the management con-
12 ference for the San Francisco Bay under section
13 320.

14 “(2) SAN FRANCISCO BAY PLAN.—The term
15 ‘San Francisco Bay Plan’ means—

16 “(A) until the date of the completion of the
17 plan developed by the Director under subsection
18 (d), the comprehensive conservation and man-

1 agement plan approved under section 320 for
2 the San Francisco Bay estuary; and

3 “(B) on and after the date of the comple-
4 tion of the plan developed by the Director under
5 subsection (d), the plan developed by the Direc-
6 tor under subsection (d).

7 “(b) PROGRAM OFFICE.—

8 “(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Administrator
9 shall establish in the Environmental Protection
10 Agency a San Francisco Bay Program Office. The
11 Office shall be located at the headquarters of Region
12 9 of the Environmental Protection Agency.

13 “(2) APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTOR.—The Ad-
14 ministrator shall appoint a Director of the Office,
15 who shall have management experience and technical
16 expertise relating to the San Francisco Bay and be
17 highly qualified to direct the development and imple-
18 mentation of projects, activities, and studies nec-
19 essary to implement the San Francisco Bay Plan.

20 “(3) DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY; STAFFING.—
21 The Administrator shall delegate to the Director
22 such authority and provide such staff as may be nec-
23 essary to carry out this section.

24 “(c) ANNUAL PRIORITY LIST.—

1 “(1) IN GENERAL.—After providing public no-
2 tice, the Director shall annually compile a priority
3 list, consistent with the San Francisco Bay Plan,
4 identifying and prioritizing the projects, activities,
5 and studies to be carried out with amounts made
6 available under subsection (e).

7 “(2) INCLUSIONS.—The annual priority list
8 compiled under paragraph (1) shall include the fol-
9 lowing:

10 “(A) Projects, activities, and studies, in-
11 cluding restoration projects and habitat im-
12 provement for fish, waterfowl, and wildlife, that
13 advance the goals and objectives of the San
14 Francisco Bay Plan, for—

15 “(i) water quality improvement, in-
16 cluding the reduction of marine litter;

17 “(ii) wetland, riverine, and estuary
18 restoration and protection;

19 “(iii) nearshore and endangered spe-
20 cies recovery; and

21 “(iv) adaptation to climate change.

22 “(B) Information on the projects, activi-
23 ties, and studies specified under subparagraph
24 (A), including—

1 “(i) the identity of each entity receiv-
2 ing assistance pursuant to subsection (e);
3 and

4 “(ii) a description of the communities
5 to be served.

6 “(C) The criteria and methods established
7 by the Director for identification of projects, ac-
8 tivities, and studies to be included on the an-
9 nual priority list.

10 “(3) CONSULTATION.—In compiling the annual
11 priority list under paragraph (1), the Director shall
12 consult with, and consider the recommendations of—

13 “(A) the Estuary Partnership;

14 “(B) the State of California and affected
15 local governments in the San Francisco Bay es-
16 tuary watershed;

17 “(C) the San Francisco Bay Restoration
18 Authority; and

19 “(D) any other relevant stakeholder in-
20 volved with the protection and restoration of
21 the San Francisco Bay estuary that the Direc-
22 tor determines to be appropriate.

23 “(d) SAN FRANCISCO BAY PLAN.—

24 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 5 years
25 after the date of enactment of this section, the Di-

1 rector, in conjunction with the Estuary Partnership,
2 shall review and revise the comprehensive conserva-
3 tion and management plan approved under section
4 320 for the San Francisco Bay estuary to develop
5 a plan to guide the projects, activities, and studies
6 of the Office to address the restoration and protec-
7 tion of the San Francisco Bay.

8 “(2) REVISION OF SAN FRANCISCO BAY
9 PLAN.—Not less often than once every 5 years after
10 the date of the completion of the plan described in
11 paragraph (1), the Director shall review, and revise
12 as appropriate, the San Francisco Bay Plan.

13 “(3) OUTREACH.—In carrying out this sub-
14 section, the Director shall consult with the Estuary
15 Partnership and Indian tribes and solicit input from
16 other non-Federal stakeholders.

17 “(e) GRANT PROGRAM.—

18 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Director may provide
19 funding through cooperative agreements, grants, or
20 other means to State and local agencies, special dis-
21 tricts, and public or nonprofit agencies, institutions,
22 and organizations, including the Estuary Partner-
23 ship, for projects, activities, and studies identified on
24 the annual priority list compiled under subsection
25 (c).

1 “(2) MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF GRANTS; NON-FED-
2 ERAL SHARE.—

3 “(A) MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF GRANTS.—
4 Amounts provided to any entity under this sec-
5 tion for a fiscal year shall not exceed an
6 amount equal to 75 percent of the total cost of
7 any projects, activities, and studies that are to
8 be carried out using those amounts.

9 “(B) NON-FEDERAL SHARE.—Not less
10 than 25 percent of the cost of any project, ac-
11 tivity, or study carried out using amounts pro-
12 vided under this section shall be provided from
13 non-Federal sources.

14 “(f) FUNDING.—

15 “(1) ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES.—Of the
16 amount made available to carry out this section for
17 a fiscal year, the Director may not use more than
18 5 percent to pay administrative expenses incurred in
19 carrying out this section.

20 “(2) PROHIBITION.—No amounts made avail-
21 able under this section may be used for the adminis-
22 tration of a management conference under section
23 320.”.

24 (b) PUGET SOUND COORDINATED RECOVERY.—Title
25 I of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C.

1 1251 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
2 lowing:

3 **“SEC. 124. PUGET SOUND.**

4 “(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

5 “(1) COASTAL NONPOINT POLLUTION CONTROL
6 PROGRAM.—The term ‘Coastal Nonpoint Pollution
7 Control Program’ means the State of Washington’s
8 Coastal Nonpoint Pollution Control Program ap-
9 proved under section 6217 of the Coastal Zone Act
10 Reauthorization Amendments of 1990.

11 “(2) DIRECTOR.—The term ‘Director’ means
12 the Director of the Program Office.

13 “(3) FEDERAL ACTION PLAN.—The term ‘Fed-
14 eral Action Plan’ means the plan developed under
15 subsection (c)(3)(B).

16 “(4) INTERNATIONAL JOINT COMMISSION.—The
17 term ‘International Joint Commission’ means the
18 International Joint Commission established by the
19 Treaty relating to the boundary waters and ques-
20 tions arising along the boundary between the United
21 States and Canada, signed at Washington January
22 11, 1909, and entered into force May 5, 1910 (36
23 Stat. 2448; TS 548; 12 Bevans 319).

24 “(5) PACIFIC SALMON COMMISSION.—The term
25 ‘Pacific Salmon Commission’ means the Pacific

1 Salmon Commission established by the United
2 States and Canada under the Treaty concerning Pa-
3 cific salmon, with annexes and memorandum of un-
4 derstanding, signed at Ottawa January 28, 1985,
5 and entered into force March 18, 1985 (TIAS
6 11091; 1469 UNTS 357) (commonly known as the
7 ‘Pacific Salmon Treaty’).

8 “(6) PROGRAM OFFICE.—The term ‘Program
9 Office’ means the Puget Sound Recovery National
10 Program Office established by subsection (b).

11 “(7) PUGET SOUND ACTION AGENDA; ACTION
12 AGENDA.—The term ‘Puget Sound Action Agenda’
13 or ‘Action Agenda’ means the most recent plan de-
14 veloped by the Puget Sound National Estuary Pro-
15 gram Management Conference, in consultation with
16 the Puget Sound Tribal Management Conference,
17 and approved by the Administrator as the com-
18 prehensive conservation and management plan for
19 the Puget Sound under section 320.

20 “(8) PUGET SOUND FEDERAL LEADERSHIP
21 TASK FORCE.—The term ‘Puget Sound Federal
22 Leadership Task Force’ means the Puget Sound
23 Federal Leadership Task Force established under
24 subsection (c).

1 “(9) PUGET SOUND FEDERAL TASK FORCE.—
2 The term ‘Puget Sound Federal Task Force’ means
3 the Puget Sound Federal Task Force established in
4 2016 under a memorandum of understanding among
5 9 Federal agencies.

6 “(10) PUGET SOUND NATIONAL ESTUARY PRO-
7 GRAM MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE.—The term
8 ‘Puget Sound National Estuary Program Manage-
9 ment Conference’ means the management conference
10 for the Puget Sound convened pursuant to section
11 320.

12 “(11) PUGET SOUND PARTNERSHIP.—The term
13 ‘Puget Sound Partnership’ means the State agency
14 created under the laws of the State of Washington
15 (section 90.71.210 of the Revised Code of Wash-
16 ington), or its successor agency that has been des-
17 ignated by the Administrator as the lead entity to
18 support the Puget Sound National Estuary Program
19 Management Conference.

20 “(12) PUGET SOUND REGION.—

21 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The term ‘Puget
22 Sound region’ means the land and waters in the
23 northwest corner of the State of Washington
24 from the Canadian border to the north to the

1 Pacific Ocean on the west, including Hood
2 Canal and the Strait of Juan de Fuca.

3 “(B) INCLUSION.—The term ‘Puget Sound
4 region’ includes all watersheds that drain into
5 the Puget Sound.

6 “(13) PUGET SOUND TRIBAL MANAGEMENT
7 CONFERENCE.—The term ‘Puget Sound Tribal Man-
8 agement Conference’ means the 20 treaty Indian
9 tribes of western Washington and the Northwest In-
10 dian Fisheries Commission.

11 “(14) SALISH SEA.—The term ‘Salish Sea’
12 means the network of coastal waterways on the west
13 coast of North America that includes the Puget
14 Sound, the Strait of Georgia, and the Strait of Juan
15 de Fuca.

16 “(15) SALMON RECOVERY PLANS.—The term
17 ‘Salmon Recovery Plans’ means the recovery plans
18 for salmon and steelhead species approved by the
19 Secretary of the Interior under section 4(f) of the
20 Endangered Species Act of 1973 that are applicable
21 to the Puget Sound region.

22 “(16) STATE ADVISORY COMMITTEE.—The
23 term ‘State Advisory Committee’ means the advisory
24 committee established by subsection (d).

1 “(17) TREATY RIGHTS AT RISK INITIATIVE.—

2 The term ‘Treaty Rights at Risk Initiative’ means
3 the report from the treaty Indian tribes of western
4 Washington entitled ‘Treaty Rights At Risk: Ongo-
5 ing Habitat Loss, the Decline of the Salmon Re-
6 source, and Recommendations for Change’ and
7 dated July 14, 2011, or its successor report that
8 outlines issues and offers solutions for the protection
9 of Tribal treaty rights, recovery of salmon habitat,
10 and management of sustainable treaty and nontreaty
11 salmon fisheries, including through Tribal salmon
12 hatchery programs.

13 “(b) PUGET SOUND RECOVERY NATIONAL PROGRAM
14 OFFICE.—

15 “(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established in
16 the Environmental Protection Agency a Puget
17 Sound Recovery National Program Office, to be lo-
18 cated in the State of Washington.

19 “(2) DIRECTOR.—

20 “(A) IN GENERAL.—There shall be a Di-
21 rector of the Program Office, who shall have
22 leadership and project management experience
23 and shall be highly qualified to—

24 “(i) direct the integration of multiple
25 project planning efforts and programs

1 from different agencies and jurisdictions;
2 and

3 “(ii) align numerous, and possibly
4 competing, priorities to accomplish visible
5 and measurable outcomes under the Action
6 Agenda.

7 “(B) POSITION.—The position of Director
8 of the Program Office shall be a career reserved
9 position, as such term is defined in section
10 3132 of title 5, United States Code.

11 “(3) DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY; STAFFING.—
12 Using amounts made available to carry out this sec-
13 tion, the Administrator shall delegate to the Director
14 such authority and provide such staff as may be nec-
15 essary to carry out this section.

16 “(4) DUTIES.—The Director shall—

17 “(A) coordinate and manage the timely
18 execution of the requirements of this section,
19 including the formation and meetings of the
20 Puget Sound Federal Leadership Task Force;

21 “(B) coordinate activities related to the
22 restoration and protection of the Puget Sound
23 across the Environmental Protection Agency;

24 “(C) coordinate and align the activities of
25 the Administrator with the Action Agenda,

1 Salmon Recovery Plans, the Treaty Rights at
2 Risk Initiative, and the Coastal Nonpoint Pollu-
3 tion Control Program;

4 “(D) promote the efficient use of Environ-
5 mental Protection Agency resources in pursuit
6 of the restoration and protection of the Puget
7 Sound;

8 “(E) serve on the Puget Sound Federal
9 Leadership Task Force and collaborate with,
10 help coordinate, and implement activities with
11 other Federal agencies that have responsibilities
12 involving the restoration and protection of the
13 Puget Sound;

14 “(F) provide or procure such other advice,
15 technical assistance, research, assessments,
16 monitoring, or other support as is determined
17 by the Director to be necessary or prudent to
18 most efficiently and effectively fulfill the objec-
19 tives and priorities of the Action Agenda, the
20 Salmon Recovery Plans, the Treaty Rights at
21 Risk Initiative, and the Coastal Nonpoint Pollu-
22 tion Control Program, consistent with the best
23 available science, to ensure the health of the
24 Puget Sound ecosystem;

1 “(G) track the progress of the Environ-
2 mental Protection Agency towards meeting the
3 agency’s specified objectives and priorities with-
4 in the Action Agenda and the Federal Action
5 Plan;

6 “(H) implement the recommendations of
7 the Comptroller General set forth in the report
8 entitled ‘Puget Sound Restoration: Additional
9 Actions Could Improve Assessments of
10 Progress’ and dated July 19, 2018;

11 “(I) serve as liaison and coordinate activi-
12 ties for the restoration and protection of the
13 Salish Sea with Canadian authorities, the Pa-
14 cific Salmon Commission, and the International
15 Joint Commission; and

16 “(J) carry out such additional duties as
17 the Director determines necessary and appro-
18 priate.

19 “(c) PUGET SOUND FEDERAL LEADERSHIP TASK
20 FORCE.—

21 “(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established a
22 Puget Sound Federal Leadership Task Force.

23 “(2) MEMBERSHIP.—

1 “(A) COMPOSITION.—The Puget Sound
2 Federal Leadership Task Force shall be com-
3 posed of the following members:

4 “(i) The following individuals ap-
5 pointed by the Secretary of Agriculture:

6 “(I) A representative of the Na-
7 tional Forest Service.

8 “(II) A representative of the
9 Natural Resources Conservation Serv-
10 ice.

11 “(ii) A representative of the National
12 Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
13 appointed by the Secretary of Commerce.

14 “(iii) The following individuals ap-
15 pointed by the Secretary of Defense:

16 “(I) A representative of the
17 Corps of Engineers.

18 “(II) A representative of the
19 Joint Base Lewis-McChord.

20 “(III) A representative of the
21 Commander, Navy Region Northwest.

22 “(iv) The Director of the Program Of-
23 fice.

1 “(v) The following individuals ap-
2 pointed by the Secretary of Homeland Se-
3 curity:

4 “(I) A representative of the
5 Coast Guard.

6 “(II) A representative of the
7 Federal Emergency Management
8 Agency.

9 “(vi) The following individuals ap-
10 pointed by the Secretary of the Interior:

11 “(I) A representative of the Bu-
12 reau of Indian Affairs.

13 “(II) A representative of the
14 United States Fish and Wildlife Serv-
15 ice.

16 “(III) A representative of the
17 United States Geological Survey.

18 “(IV) A representative of the Na-
19 tional Park Service.

20 “(vii) The following individuals ap-
21 pointed by the Secretary of Transpor-
22 tation:

23 “(I) A representative of the Fed-
24 eral Highway Administration.

1 “(II) A representative of the
2 Federal Transit Administration.

3 “(viii) Representatives of such other
4 Federal agencies, programs, and initiatives
5 as the other members of the Puget Sound
6 Federal Leadership Task Force determines
7 necessary.

8 “(B) QUALIFICATIONS.—Members ap-
9 pointed under this paragraph shall have experi-
10 ence and expertise in matters of restoration and
11 protection of large watersheds and bodies of
12 water, or related experience that will benefit the
13 restoration and protection of the Puget Sound.

14 “(C) CO-CHAIRS.—

15 “(i) IN GENERAL.—The following
16 members of the Puget Sound Federal
17 Leadership Task Force shall serve as Co-
18 Chairs of the Puget Sound Federal Lead-
19 ership Task Force:

20 “(I) The representative of the
21 National Oceanic and Atmospheric
22 Administration.

23 “(II) The Director of the Pro-
24 gram Office.

1 “(III) The representative of the
2 Corps of Engineers.

3 “(ii) LEADERSHIP.—The Co-Chairs
4 shall ensure the Puget Sound Federal
5 Leadership Task Force completes its du-
6 ties through robust discussion of all rel-
7 evant issues. The Co-Chairs shall share
8 leadership responsibilities equally.

9 “(3) DUTIES.—

10 “(A) GENERAL DUTIES.—The Puget
11 Sound Federal Leadership Task Force shall—

12 “(i) uphold Federal trust responsibil-
13 ities to restore and protect resources cru-
14 cial to Tribal treaty rights, including by
15 carrying out government-to-government
16 consultation with Indian tribes when re-
17 quested by such tribes;

18 “(ii) provide a venue for dialogue and
19 coordination across all Federal agencies
20 represented by a member of the Puget
21 Sound Federal Leadership Task Force to
22 align Federal resources for the purposes of
23 carrying out the requirements of this sec-
24 tion and all other Federal laws that con-

1 tribute to the restoration and protection of
2 the Puget Sound, including by—

3 “**(I)** enabling and encouraging
4 such agencies to act consistently with
5 the objectives and priorities of the Ac-
6 tion Agenda, the Salmon Recovery
7 Plans, the Treaty Rights at Risk Ini-
8 tiative, and the Coastal Nonpoint Pol-
9 lution Control Program;

10 “**(II)** facilitating the coordination
11 of Federal activities that impact such
12 restoration and protection;

13 “**(III)** facilitating the delivery of
14 feedback given by such agencies to the
15 Puget Sound Partnership during the
16 development of the Action Agenda;

17 “**(IV)** facilitating the resolution
18 of interagency conflicts associated
19 with such restoration and protection
20 among such agencies;

21 “**(V)** providing a forum for ex-
22 changing information among such
23 agencies regarding activities being
24 conducted, including obstacles or effi-

1 ciencies found, during restoration and
2 protection activities; and

3 “*(VI)* promoting the efficient use
4 of government resources in pursuit of
5 such restoration and protection
6 through coordination and collabora-
7 tion, including by ensuring that the
8 Federal efforts relating to the science
9 necessary for such restoration and
10 protection are consistent, and not du-
11 plicative, across the Federal Govern-
12 ment;

13 “*(iii)* catalyze public leaders at all lev-
14 els to work together toward shared goals
15 by demonstrating interagency best prac-
16 tices coming from such agencies;

17 “*(iv)* provide advice and support on
18 scientific and technical issues and act as a
19 forum for the exchange of scientific infor-
20 mation about the Puget Sound;

21 “*(v)* identify and inventory Federal
22 environmental research and monitoring
23 programs related to the Puget Sound, and
24 provide such inventory to the Puget Sound

1 National Estuary Program Management
2 Conference;

3 “(vi) ensure that Puget Sound res-
4 toration and protection activities are as
5 consistent as practicable with ongoing res-
6 toration and protection and related efforts
7 in the Salish Sea that are being conducted
8 by Canadian authorities, the Pacific Salm-
9 on Commission, and the International
10 Joint Commission;

11 “(vii) ensure that Puget Sound res-
12 toration and protection activities are con-
13 sistent with national security interests;

14 “(viii) establish any working groups or
15 committees necessary to assist the Puget
16 Sound Federal Leadership Task Force in
17 its duties, including relating to public pol-
18 icy and scientific issues; and

19 “(ix) raise national awareness of the
20 significance of the Puget Sound.

21 “(B) PUGET SOUND FEDERAL ACTION
22 PLAN.—

23 “(i) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 5
24 years after the date of enactment of this
25 section, the Puget Sound Federal Leader-

1 ship Task Force shall develop and approve
2 a Federal Action Plan that leverages Fed-
3 eral programs across agencies and serves
4 to coordinate diverse programs and prior-
5 ities for the restoration and protection of
6 the Puget Sound.

7 “(ii) REVISION OF PUGET SOUND
8 FEDERAL ACTION PLAN.—Not less often
9 than once every 5 years after the date of
10 approval of the Federal Action Plan under
11 clause (i), the Puget Sound Federal Lead-
12 ership Task Force shall review, and revise
13 as appropriate, the Federal Action Plan.

14 “(C) FEEDBACK BY FEDERAL AGEN-
15 CIES.—In facilitating feedback under subpara-
16 graph (A)(ii)(III), the Puget Sound Federal
17 Leadership Task Force shall request Federal
18 agencies to consider, at a minimum, possible
19 Federal actions within the Puget Sound region
20 designed to—

21 “(i) further the goals, targets, and ac-
22 tions of the Action Agenda, the Salmon
23 Recovery Plans, the Treaty Rights at Risk
24 Initiative, and the Coastal Nonpoint Pollu-
25 tion Control Program;

1 “(ii) as applicable, implement and en-
2 force this Act, the Endangered Species Act
3 of 1973, and all other Federal laws that
4 contribute to the restoration and protection
5 of the Puget Sound, including those that
6 protect Tribal treaty rights;

7 “(iii) prevent the introduction and
8 spread of invasive species;

9 “(iv) protect marine and wildlife habi-
10 tats;

11 “(v) protect, restore, and conserve for-
12 ests, wetlands, riparian zones, and near-
13 shore waters;

14 “(vi) promote resilience to climate
15 change and ocean acidification effects;

16 “(vii) restore fisheries so that they are
17 sustainable and productive;

18 “(viii) preserve biodiversity;

19 “(ix) restore and protect ecosystem
20 services that provide clean water, filter
21 toxic chemicals, and increase ecosystem re-
22 silience; and

23 “(x) improve water quality, including
24 by preventing and managing stormwater
25 runoff, incorporating erosion control tech-

1 niques and trash capture devices, using
2 sustainable stormwater practices, and miti-
3 gating and minimizing nonpoint source
4 pollution, including marine litter.

5 “(4) PARTICIPATION OF STATE ADVISORY COM-
6 MITTEE AND PUGET SOUND TRIBAL MANAGEMENT
7 CONFERENCE.—The Puget Sound Federal Leader-
8 ship Task Force shall carry out its duties with input
9 from, and in collaboration with, the State Advisory
10 Committee and the Puget Sound Tribal Manage-
11 ment Conference, including by seeking advice and
12 recommendations on the actions, progress, and
13 issues pertaining to the restoration and protection of
14 the Puget Sound.

15 “(5) MEETINGS.—

16 “(A) INITIAL MEETING.—The Puget
17 Sound Federal Leadership Task Force shall
18 meet not later than 180 days after the date of
19 enactment of this section—

20 “(i) to determine if all Federal agen-
21 cies are properly represented;

22 “(ii) to establish the bylaws of the
23 Puget Sound Federal Leadership Task
24 Force;

1 “(iii) to establish necessary working
2 groups or committees; and

3 “(iv) to determine subsequent meeting
4 times, dates, and logistics.

5 “(B) SUBSEQUENT MEETINGS.—After the
6 initial meeting, the Puget Sound Federal Lead-
7 ership Task Force shall meet, at a minimum,
8 twice per year to carry out the duties of the
9 Puget Sound Federal Leadership Task Force.

10 “(C) WORKING GROUP MEETINGS.—A
11 meeting of any established working group or
12 committee of the Puget Sound Federal Leader-
13 ship Task Force shall not be considered a bian-
14 nual meeting for purposes of subparagraph (B).

15 “(D) JOINT MEETINGS.—The Puget Sound
16 Federal Leadership Task Force—

17 “(i) shall offer to meet jointly with
18 the Puget Sound National Estuary Pro-
19 gram Management Conference and the
20 Puget Sound Tribal Management Con-
21 ference, at a minimum, once per year; and

22 “(ii) may consider such a joint meet-
23 ing to be a biannual meeting of the Puget
24 Sound Federal Leadership Task Force for
25 purposes of subparagraph (B).

1 “(E) QUORUM.—A simple majority of the
2 members of the Puget Sound Federal Leader-
3 ship Task Force shall constitute a quorum.

4 “(F) VOTING.—For the Puget Sound Fed-
5 eral Leadership Task Force to take an official
6 action, a quorum shall be present, and at least
7 a two-thirds majority of the members present
8 shall vote in the affirmative.

9 “(6) PUGET SOUND FEDERAL LEADERSHIP
10 TASK FORCE PROCEDURES AND ADVICE.—

11 “(A) ADVISORS.—The Puget Sound Fed-
12 eral Leadership Task Force may seek advice
13 and input from any interested, knowledgeable,
14 or affected party as the Puget Sound Federal
15 Leadership Task Force determines necessary to
16 perform its duties.

17 “(B) COMPENSATION.—A member of the
18 Puget Sound Federal Leadership Task Force
19 shall receive no additional compensation for
20 service as a member on the Puget Sound Fed-
21 eral Leadership Task Force.

22 “(C) TRAVEL EXPENSES.—Travel expenses
23 incurred by a member of the Puget Sound Fed-
24 eral Leadership Task Force in the performance
25 of service on the Puget Sound Federal Leader-

1 ship Task Force may be paid by the agency
2 that the member represents.

3 “(7) PUGET SOUND FEDERAL TASK FORCE.—

4 “(A) IN GENERAL.—On the date of enact-
5 ment of this section, the 2016 memorandum of
6 understanding establishing the Puget Sound
7 Federal Task Force shall cease to be effective.

8 “(B) USE OF PREVIOUS WORK.—The
9 Puget Sound Federal Leadership Task Force
10 shall, to the extent practicable, use the work
11 product produced, relied upon, and analyzed by
12 the Puget Sound Federal Task Force in order
13 to avoid duplicating the efforts of the Puget
14 Sound Federal Task Force.

15 “(d) STATE ADVISORY COMMITTEE.—

16 “(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established a
17 State Advisory Committee.

18 “(2) MEMBERSHIP.—The State Advisory Com-
19 mittee shall consist of up to seven members des-
20 ignated by the governing body of the Puget Sound
21 Partnership, in consultation with the Governor of
22 Washington, who will represent Washington State
23 agencies that have significant roles and responsibil-
24 ities related to the restoration and protection of the
25 Puget Sound.

1 “(e) FEDERAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE ACT.—The
2 Puget Sound Federal Leadership Task Force, State Advi-
3 sory Committee, and any working group or committee of
4 the Puget Sound Federal Leadership Task Force, shall
5 not be considered an advisory committee under the Fed-
6 eral Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.).

7 “(f) PUGET SOUND FEDERAL LEADERSHIP TASK
8 FORCE BIENNIAL REPORT ON PUGET SOUND RESTORA-
9 TION AND PROTECTION ACTIVITIES.—

10 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after
11 the date of enactment of this section, and biennially
12 thereafter, the Puget Sound Federal Leadership
13 Task Force, in collaboration with the Puget Sound
14 Tribal Management Conference and the State Advi-
15 sory Committee, shall submit to the President, Con-
16 gress, the Governor of Washington, and the gov-
17 erning body of the Puget Sound Partnership a re-
18 port that summarizes the progress, challenges, and
19 milestones of the Puget Sound Federal Leadership
20 Task Force relating to the restoration and protec-
21 tion of the Puget Sound.

22 “(2) CONTENTS.—The report submitted under
23 paragraph (1) shall include a description of the fol-
24 lowing:

1 “(A) The roles and progress of each State,
2 local government entity, and Federal agency
3 that has jurisdiction in the Puget Sound region
4 relating to meeting the identified objectives and
5 priorities of the Action Agenda, the Salmon Re-
6 covery Plans, the Treaty Rights at Risk Initia-
7 tive, and the Coastal Nonpoint Pollution Con-
8 trol Program.

9 “(B) If available, the roles and progress of
10 Tribal governments that have jurisdiction in the
11 Puget Sound region relating to meeting the
12 identified objectives and priorities of the Action
13 Agenda, the Salmon Recovery Plans, the Treaty
14 Rights at Risk Initiative, and the Coastal
15 Nonpoint Pollution Control Program.

16 “(C) A summary of specific recommenda-
17 tions concerning implementation of the Action
18 Agenda and the Federal Action Plan, including
19 challenges, barriers, and anticipated milestones,
20 targets, and timelines.

21 “(D) A summary of progress made by
22 Federal agencies toward the priorities identified
23 in the Federal Action Plan.

24 “(g) TRIBAL RIGHTS AND CONSULTATION.—

1 “(1) PRESERVATION OF TRIBAL TREATY
2 RIGHTS.—Nothing in this section affects, or is in-
3 tended to affect, any right reserved by treaty be-
4 tween the United States and one or more Indian
5 tribes.

6 “(2) CONSULTATION.—Nothing in this section
7 affects any authorization or obligation of a Federal
8 agency to consult with an Indian tribe under any
9 other provision of law.

10 “(h) CONSISTENCY.—

11 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Actions authorized or im-
12 plemented under this section shall be consistent
13 with—

14 “(A) the Salmon Recovery Plans;

15 “(B) the Coastal Nonpoint Pollution Con-
16 trol Program; and

17 “(C) the water quality standards of the
18 State of Washington approved by the Adminis-
19 trator under section 303.

20 “(2) FEDERAL ACTIONS.—All Federal agencies
21 represented on the Puget Sound Federal Leadership
22 Task Force shall act consistently with the protection
23 of Tribal, treaty-reserved rights and, to the greatest
24 extent practicable given such agencies’ existing obli-
25 gations under Federal law, act consistently with the

1 objectives and priorities of the Action Agenda, the
2 Salmon Recovery Plans, the Treaty Rights at Risk
3 Initiative, and the Coastal Nonpoint Pollution Con-
4 trol Program, when—

5 “(A) conducting Federal agency activities
6 within or outside the Puget Sound that affect
7 any land or water use or natural resources of
8 the Puget Sound region, including activities
9 performed by a contractor for the benefit of a
10 Federal agency;

11 “(B) interpreting and enforcing regulations
12 that impact the restoration and protection of
13 the Puget Sound;

14 “(C) issuing Federal licenses or permits
15 that impact the restoration and protection of
16 the Puget Sound; and

17 “(D) granting Federal assistance to State,
18 local, and Tribal governments for activities re-
19 lated to the restoration and protection of the
20 Puget Sound.”.

21 (c) LAKE PONTCHARTRAIN BASIN RESTORATION
22 PROGRAM.—

23 (1) REVIEW OF COMPREHENSIVE MANAGEMENT
24 PLAN.—Section 121 of the Federal Water Pollution
25 Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1273) is amended—

1 (A) in subsection (c)—

2 (i) in paragraph (5), by striking “;
3 and” and inserting a semicolon;

4 (ii) in paragraph (6), by striking the
5 period and inserting “; and”; and

6 (iii) by adding at the end the fol-
7 lowing:

8 “(7) ensure that the comprehensive conserva-
9 tion and management plan approved for the Basin
10 under section 320 is reviewed and revised in accord-
11 ance with section 320 not less often than once every
12 5 years, beginning on the date of enactment of this
13 paragraph.”.

14 (B) in subsection (d), by striking “rec-
15 ommended by a management conference con-
16 vened for the Basin under section 320” and in-
17 serting “identified in the comprehensive con-
18 servation and management plan approved for
19 the Basin under section 320”.

20 (2) DEFINITIONS.—Section 121(e)(1) of the
21 Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C.
22 1273(e)(1)) is amended by striking “, a 5,000
23 square mile”.

24 (3) ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS.—Section 121(f) of
25 the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C.

1 1273(f) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
2 lowing:

3 “(3) ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES.—Not more
4 than 5 percent of the amounts appropriated to carry
5 out this section may be used for administrative ex-
6 penses.”.

7 (4) APPLICATION TO EXISTING APPROPRIA-
8 TIONS.—Amounts appropriated for Lake Pont-
9 chartrain by title VI of division J of the Infrastruc-
10 ture Investment and Jobs Act under the heading
11 “Environmental Protection Agency—Environmental
12 Programs and Management” (Public Law 117–58;
13 135 Stat. 1396) shall be considered to be appro-
14 priated pursuant to section 121 of the Federal
15 Water Pollution Control Act, as amended by this
16 subsection, including with respect to the use of such
17 funds for administrative expenses under subsection
18 (f)(3) of such section 121.

