H. R. 3399

[Report No. 116–]

To amend the Nutria Eradication and Control Act of 2003 to include California in the program, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 21, 2019

Mr. HARDER of California (for himself, Mr. COSTA, Mr. COX of California, and Mr. GARAMENDI) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

FEBRUARY --, 2020

Reported with an amendment, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

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[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on June 21, 2019]
A BILL

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. NUTRIA ERADICATION.

The Nutria Eradication and Control Act of 2003 (Public Law 108–16) is amended—

(1) in section 2—

(A) in subsection (a)—

(i) in paragraph (1), by striking “Wetlands and tidal marshes of the Chesapeake Bay and in Louisiana” and inserting “Wetlands, tidal marshes, and agricultural lands”;

(ii) in paragraph (2), by striking “in Maryland and Louisiana”; and

(iii) by amending paragraph (3) to read as follows:

“(3) Traditional harvest methods to control or eradicate nutria have failed. Consequently, marsh loss, loss of public and private wetlands, and loss of agricultural lands are accelerating.”; and

(B) in subsection (b), by striking “the State of Maryland and the State of Louisiana” and inserting “any State that has demonstrated the need”; and

(2) in section 3—
(A) by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

“(a) GRANT AUTHORITY.—The Secretary of the Interior (referred to in this Act as the ‘Secretary’), may provide financial assistance to a State, in an amount that is in proportion to the total impacted area of such State affected by nutria, that has demonstrated to the Secretary sufficient need for a program to implement measures to eradicate or control nutria and restore marshland, public and private wetlands, and agricultural lands damaged by nutria.”;

(B) by striking subsection (b);

(C) in subsection (d)—

(i) in paragraph (1), by striking “the program may” and inserting “a State program referred to in subsection (a) may”;

and

(ii) in paragraph (2), by striking “the program may” and inserting “a State program referred to in subsection (a) may”;

(D) in subsection (e), by inserting “to a State” after “provided”;

(E) in subsection (f), by striking “$4,000,000” and all that follows and inserting “$12,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2021 through 2025.”; and
(F) by redesignating subsections (c) through (f) as subsections (b) through (e).