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# H. R. 6687

To direct the Secretary of the Interior to manage the Point Reyes National Seashore in the State of California consistent with Congress' long-standing intent to maintain working dairies and ranches on agricultural property as part of the seashore's unique historic, cultural, scenic and natural values, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

AUGUST 28, 2018

Mr. HUFFMAN (for himself and Mr. BISHOP of Utah) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. MANAGEMENT OF AGRICULTURAL PROPERTY**  
4               **IN POINT REYES NATIONAL SEASHORE.**

5       Public Law 87-657 (16 U.S.C. 459e, et seq.) is  
6       amended as follows:

1 (1) In section 5(b) (16 U.S.C. 459e–5(b))—

2 (A) in the first sentence, by striking “As used  
3 in” and inserting the following:

4 “(1) As used in”;

5 (B) by striking “The term ‘agricultural prop-  
6 erty’ as used” and inserting the following:

7 “(2) The term ‘agricultural property’ as used”;

8 (C) by striking “means lands which were in  
9 regular use” and inserting “means—

10 “(A) lands that were in regular use”; and

11 (D) by striking the period at the end and in-  
12 serting “; and

13 “(B) on the northern district of the Golden  
14 Gate National Recreation Area, lands that were in  
15 regular use for, or were being converted to agricul-  
16 tural, ranching, or dairying purposes as of May 1,  
17 1978, together with residential and other structures  
18 related to the above uses of the property that were  
19 in existence or under construction as of May 1,  
20 1978.”.

21 (2) In section 5 (16 U.S.C. 459e–5)—

22 (A) by inserting before subsection (a) the fol-  
23 lowing:

24 “(a) The Secretary shall manage agricultural prop-  
25 erty consistent with Congress’ longstanding intent to

1 maintain working dairies and ranches on agricultural  
2 property as part of the seashore’s unique historic, cultural,  
3 scenic and natural values.”; and

4 (B) by redesignating subsequent subsections ac-  
5 cordingly.

6 (3) In section 6 (16 U.S.C. 459e–6), by adding at  
7 the end the following:

8 “(c)(1) In areas of agricultural property where Tule  
9 Elk present conflicts with working ranches or dairies, the  
10 Secretary shall manage the Tule Elk to ensure separation  
11 from the working ranches or dairies. To minimize the con-  
12 flicts and prevent establishment of new Tule Elk herds  
13 on agricultural property, the Secretary may work with In-  
14 dian Tribes interested in the following:

15 “(A) Partnering with the Secretary in the relo-  
16 cation and reestablishment of Tule Elk on tribal  
17 lands.

18 “(B) Participating in hunting Tule Elk on a  
19 subsistence or ceremonial basis.

20 “(C) Other partnerships and activities that the  
21 Secretary determines are suitable and feasible for  
22 this purpose.

23 “(2) Nothing in this subparagraph reduces or dimin-  
24 ishes the authority of the Secretary to use other existing

1 authorities or management tools to separate Tule Elk  
2 from agricultural property.”.

3 (4) By adding at the end, the following:

4 “SEC. 10. Consistent with the purposes of this Act,  
5 including section 5(a), the Secretary is directed to com-  
6 plete, without delay, the General Management Plan  
7 Amendment for Point Reyes National Seashore and the  
8 north district of Golden Gate Recreation Area, its Envi-  
9 ronmental Impact Statement, and, upon completion of the  
10 Record of Decision, issue leases and special use permits  
11 of 20 years for working dairies and ranches on agricul-  
12 tural property.”.

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