

108TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 4869

To amend the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 to authorize appropriations for the John H. Prescott Marine Mammal Rescue Assistance Grant Program, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 20, 2004

Mr. GILCHREST introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Resources

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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Prescott Marine Mam-
5 mal Stranding Program Amendments of 2004”.

1 **SEC. 2. AUTHORIZATIONS OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR JOHN**
2 **H. PRESCOTT MARINE MAMMAL RESCUE AS-**
3 **SISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM.**

4 (a) GRANT PROGRAM.—Section 408(h) of the Marine
5 Mammal Protection Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. 1421f–1(h))
6 is amended by striking “fiscal years 2001 through 2003”
7 and inserting “fiscal years 2005 through 2010”.

8 (b) MARINE MAMMAL UNUSUAL MORTALITY EVENT
9 FUND.—Section 409(3) of such Act (16 U.S.C. 1421g(3))
10 is amended by striking “\$500,000 for fiscal year 1993”
11 and inserting “\$125,000 for each of fiscal years 2005
12 through 2010”.

13 (c) ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS AND EXPENSES.—Sec-
14 tion 408 of such Act (16 U.S.C. 1421f–1) is amended—

15 (1) by adding at the end of subsection (a)(1)
16 the following: “All funds available to implement this
17 section shall be distributed to eligible stranding net-
18 work participants for the purposes set forth in this
19 paragraph, except as provided in subsection (f).”;
20 and

21 (2) by amending subsection (f) to read as fol-
22 lows:

23 “(f) ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS AND EXPENSES.—Of
24 the amounts available each fiscal year to carry out this
25 section, the Secretary may expend not more than 6 per-
26 cent or \$80,000, whichever is greater, to pay the adminis-

1 trative costs and administrative expenses to implement the
2 grant program under subsection (a). Any such funds re-
3 tained by the Secretary for a fiscal year for such costs
4 and expenses that are not used for such costs and ex-
5 penses before the end of the fiscal year shall be provided
6 as grants under subsection (a).”.

7 (d) CONTRIBUTIONS.—Section 408 of such Act (16
8 U.S.C. 1421f-1) is further amended by adding at the end
9 the following:

10 “(i) CONTRIBUTIONS.—For purposes of carrying out
11 this section, the Secretary may solicit, accept, receive,
12 hold, administer, and use gifts, devises, and bequests.”.

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