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To reauthorize the African Elephant Conservation Act, the Rhinoceros and Tiger Conservation Act of 1994, the Asian Elephant Conservation Act of 1997, the Great Ape Conservation Act of 2000, and the Marine Turtle Conservation Act of 2004, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

January 3, 2017

Mr. Young of Alaska introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural 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 "Multinational Species
- 5 Conservation Funds Reauthorization Act".

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1	SEC. 2. REAUTHORIZATION OF AFRICAN ELEPHANT CON-
2	SERVATION ACT.
3	Section 2306(a) of the African Elephant Conserva-
4	tion Act (16 U.S.C. 4245(a)) is amended by striking
5	"2007 through 2012" and inserting "2018 through
6	2022".
7	SEC. 3. REAUTHORIZATION OF RHINOCEROS AND TIGER
8	CONSERVATION ACT OF 1994.
9	Section 10(a) of the Rhinoceros and Tiger Conserva-
10	tion Act of 1994 (16 U.S.C. 5306(a)) is amended by strik-
11	ing "2007 through 2012" and inserting "2018 through
12	2022".
13	SEC. 4. REAUTHORIZATION OF ASIAN ELEPHANT CON-
14	SERVATION ACT OF 1997.
15	Section 8(a) of the Asian Elephant Conservation Act
16	of 1997 (16 U.S.C. 4266(a)) is amended by striking
17	"2007 through 2012" and inserting "2018 through
18	2022".
19	SEC. 5. AMENDMENT AND REAUTHORIZATION OF GREAT
20	ADE CONSERVATION ACT OF 2000

- 21 The Great Ape Conservation Act of 2000 is amended
- 22 as follows:
- (1) Multiyear grants.—In section 4 (16 23
- 24 U.S.C. 6303), by adding at the end the following
- 25 new subsections:
- 26 "(j) Multiyear Grants.—

1	"(1) In general.—The Secretary may award
2	a multiyear grant under this section to a person who
3	is otherwise eligible for a grant under this section to
4	carry out a project that the person demonstrates is
5	an effective, long-term conservation strategy for
6	great apes and their habitats.
7	"(2) Annual grants not affected.—This
8	subsection shall not be construed as precluding the
9	Secretary from awarding grants on an annual
10	basis.".
11	(2) Panel of experts.—In section 4(i) (16
12	U.S.C. 6303(i))—
13	(A) in paragraph (1), by—
14	(i) striking "Every 2 years" and in-
15	serting "Within one year after the date of
16	the enactment of the Multinational Species
17	Conservation Funds Reauthorization Act,
18	and every 5 years thereafter";
19	(ii) striking "may convene" and in-
20	serting "shall convene";
21	(iii) inserting "and priorities" after
22	"needs"; and
23	(iv) adding at the end the following
24	new sentence: "The panel shall, to the ex-
25	tent practicable, include representatives

1	from foreign range states with expertise in
2	great ape conservation."; and
3	(B) by redesignating paragraph (2) as
4	paragraph (4), and inserting after paragraph
5	(1) the following new paragraphs:
6	"(2) In identifying conservation needs and pri-
7	orities under paragraph (1), the panel shall consider
8	relevant great ape conservation plans or strategies
9	including scientific research and findings related
10	to—
11	"(A) the conservation needs and priorities
12	of great apes;
13	"(B) regional or species-specific action
14	plans or strategies;
15	"(C) applicable strategies developed or ini-
16	tiated by the Secretary; and
17	"(D) any other applicable conservation
18	plan or strategy.
19	"(3) The Secretary, subject to the availability
20	of appropriations, may pay expenses of convening
21	and facilitating meetings of the panel.".
22	(3) Administrative expenses limitation.—
23	In section $5(b)(2)$ (16 U.S.C. $6304(b)(2)$), by strik-
24	ing "\$100,000" and inserting "\$150,000".

1	(4) Authorization of appropriations.—In
2	section 6 (16 U.S.C. 6305), by striking "2006
3	through 2010" and inserting "2018 through 2022".
4	SEC. 6. AMENDMENT AND REAUTHORIZATION OF MARINE
5	TURTLE CONSERVATION ACT OF 2004.
6	(a) In General.—The Marine Turtle Conservation
7	Act of 2004 is amended—
8	(1) in sections 2(b) and 3(2) (16 U.S.C.
9	6601(b), 6602(2)), by inserting "and territories of
10	the United States" after "foreign countries" each
11	place it occurs;
12	(2) in section 3 (16 U.S.C. 6602) by adding at
13	the end the following:
14	"(7) Territory of the united states.—
15	The term 'territory of the United States' means each
16	of Puerto Rico, the United States Virgin Islands,
17	Guam, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the
18	Northern Mariana Islands, and any other territory
19	or possession of the United States."; and
20	(3) in section 4 (16 U.S.C. 6603)—
21	(A) in subsection (b)(1)(A), by inserting
22	"or territory of the United States" after "for-
23	eign country"; and

- (B) in subsection (d) by inserting "and 1 2 territories of the United States" after "foreign 3 countries". 4 (b) Administrative Expenses Limitation.—Sec-
- tion 5(b)(2) of the Marine Turtle Conservation Act of
- 2004 (16 U.S.C. 6604(b)(2)) is amended by striking 6
- "\$80,000" and inserting "\$150,000". 7
- 8 (c) REAUTHORIZATION.—Section 7 of the Marine
- Turtle Conservation Act of 2004 (16 U.S.C. 6606) is
- amended by striking "each of fiscal years 2005 through 10
- 2009" and inserting "each of fiscal years 2018 through
- 12 2022".

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