

115TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 826

AN ACT

To reauthorize the Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program and certain wildlife conservation funds, to establish prize competitions relating to the prevention of wildlife poaching and trafficking, wildlife conservation, the management of invasive species, and the protection of endangered species, and for other purposes.

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; TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

4 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the
 5 “Wildlife Innovation and Longevity Driver Act” or “WILD
 6 Act”.

7 (b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents for
 8 this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.

TITLE I—PARTNERS FOR FISH AND WILDLIFE PROGRAM
 REAUTHORIZATION

Sec. 1001. Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program reauthorization.

TITLE II—FISH AND WILDLIFE COORDINATION

Sec. 2001. Purpose.

Sec. 2002. Amendments to the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act.

TITLE III—WILDLIFE CONSERVATION

Sec. 3001. Reauthorization of multinational species conservation funds.

TITLE IV—PRIZE COMPETITIONS

Sec. 4001. Definitions.

Sec. 4002. Theodore Roosevelt Genius Prize for the prevention of wildlife
 poaching and trafficking.

Sec. 4003. Theodore Roosevelt Genius Prize for the promotion of wildlife con-
 servation.

Sec. 4004. Theodore Roosevelt Genius Prize for the management of invasive
 species.

Sec. 4005. Theodore Roosevelt Genius Prize for the protection of endangered
 species.

Sec. 4006. Theodore Roosevelt Genius Prize for nonlethal management of
 human-wildlife conflicts.

Sec. 4007. Administration of prize competitions.

1 **TITLE I—PARTNERS FOR FISH**
 2 **AND WILDLIFE PROGRAM RE-**
 3 **AUTHORIZATION**

4 **SEC. 1001. PARTNERS FOR FISH AND WILDLIFE PROGRAM**
 5 **REAUTHORIZATION.**

6 Section 5 of the Partners for Fish and Wildlife Act
 7 (16 U.S.C. 3774) is amended by striking “\$75,000,000
 8 for each of fiscal years 2006 through 2011” and inserting
 9 “\$100,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2018 through
 10 2022”.

11 **TITLE II—FISH AND WILDLIFE**
 12 **COORDINATION**

13 **SEC. 2001. PURPOSE.**

14 The purpose of this title is to protect water, oceans,
 15 coasts, and wildlife from invasive species.

16 **SEC. 2002. AMENDMENTS TO THE FISH AND WILDLIFE CO-**
 17 **ORDINATION ACT.**

18 (a) **SHORT TITLE; AUTHORIZATION.**—The first sec-
 19 tion of the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act (16 U.S.C.
 20 661) is amended by striking “For the purpose” and insert-
 21 ing the following:

22 **“SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; AUTHORIZATION.**

23 “(a) **SHORT TITLE.**—This Act may be cited as the
 24 ‘Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act’.

25 “(b) **AUTHORIZATION.**—For the purpose”.

1 (b) PROTECTION OF WATER, OCEANS, COASTS, AND
 2 WILDLIFE FROM INVASIVE SPECIES.—The Fish and
 3 Wildlife Coordination Act (16 U.S.C. 661 et seq.) is
 4 amended by adding at the end the following:

5 **“SEC. 10. PROTECTION OF WATER, OCEANS, COASTS, AND**
 6 **WILDLIFE FROM INVASIVE SPECIES.**

7 “(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

8 “(1) CONTROL.—The term ‘control’, with re-
 9 spect to an invasive species, means the eradication,
 10 suppression, or reduction of the population of the
 11 invasive species within the area in which the invasive
 12 species is present.

13 “(2) ECOSYSTEM.—The term ‘ecosystem’
 14 means the complex of a community of organisms
 15 and the environment of the organisms.

16 “(3) ELIGIBLE STATE.—The term ‘eligible
 17 State’ means any of—

18 “(A) a State;

19 “(B) the District of Columbia;

20 “(C) the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico;

21 “(D) Guam;

22 “(E) American Samoa;

23 “(F) the Commonwealth of the Northern
 24 Mariana Islands; and

25 “(G) the United States Virgin Islands.

1 “(4) INVASIVE SPECIES.—

2 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The term ‘invasive
3 species’ means an alien species, the introduction
4 of which causes, or is likely to cause, economic
5 or environmental harm or harm to human
6 health.

7 “(B) ASSOCIATED DEFINITION.—For pur-
8 poses of subparagraph (A), the term ‘alien spe-
9 cies’, with respect to a particular ecosystem,
10 means any species (including the seeds, eggs,
11 spores, or other biological material of the spe-
12 cies that are capable of propagating the species)
13 that is not native to the affected ecosystem.

14 “(C) INCLUSION.—The terms ‘invasive
15 species’ and ‘alien species’ include any terres-
16 trial or aquatic species determined by the rel-
17 evant tribal, regional, State, or local authority
18 to meet the requirements of subparagraph (A)
19 or (B), as applicable.

20 “(5) MANAGE; MANAGEMENT.—The terms
21 ‘manage’ and ‘management’, with respect to an
22 invasive species, mean the active implementation of
23 any activity—

24 “(A) to reduce or stop the spread of the
25 invasive species; and

1 “(B) to inhibit further infestations of the
2 invasive species, the spread of the invasive spe-
3 cies, or harm caused by the invasive species, in-
4 cluding investigations regarding methods for
5 early detection and rapid response, prevention,
6 control, or management of the invasive species.

7 “(6) PREVENT.—The term ‘prevent’, with re-
8 spect to an invasive species, means—

9 “(A) to hinder the introduction of the
10 invasive species onto land or water; or

11 “(B) to impede the spread of the invasive
12 species within land or water by inspecting,
13 intercepting, or confiscating invasive species
14 threats prior to the establishment of the
15 invasive species onto land or water of an eligible
16 State.

17 “(7) SECRETARY CONCERNED.—The term ‘Sec-
18 retary concerned’ means—

19 “(A) the Secretary of the Army, acting
20 through the Chief of Engineers, with respect to
21 Federal land administered by the Corps of En-
22 gineers;

23 “(B) the Secretary of the Interior, with re-
24 spect to Federal land administered by the Sec-
25 retary of the Interior through—

1 “(i) the United States Fish and Wild-
2 life Service;

3 “(ii) the Bureau of Indian Affairs;

4 “(iii) the Bureau of Land Manage-
5 ment;

6 “(iv) the Bureau of Reclamation; or

7 “(v) the National Park Service;

8 “(C) the Secretary of Agriculture, with re-
9 spect to Federal land administered by the Sec-
10 retary of Agriculture through the Forest Serv-
11 ice; and

12 “(D) the head or a representative of any
13 other Federal agency the duties of whom re-
14 quire planning relating to, and the treatment
15 of, invasive species for the purpose of protecting
16 water and wildlife on land and coasts and in
17 oceans and water.

18 “(8) SPECIES.—The term ‘species’ means a
19 group of organisms, all of which—

20 “(A) have a high degree of genetic simi-
21 larity;

22 “(B) are morphologically distinct;

23 “(C) generally—

24 “(i) interbreed at maturity only
25 among themselves; and

1 “(ii) produce fertile offspring; and

2 “(D) show persistent differences from
3 members of allied groups of organisms.

4 “(b) CONTROL AND MANAGEMENT.—Each Secretary
5 concerned shall plan and carry out activities on land di-
6 rectly managed by the Secretary concerned to protect
7 water and wildlife by controlling and managing invasive
8 species—

9 “(1) to inhibit or reduce the populations of
10 invasive species; and

11 “(2) to effectuate restoration or reclamation ef-
12 forts.

13 “(c) STRATEGIC PLAN.—

14 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Each Secretary concerned
15 shall develop a strategic plan for the implementation
16 of the invasive species program to achieve, to the
17 maximum extent practicable, a substantive annual
18 net reduction of invasive species populations or in-
19 fested acreage on land or water managed by the Sec-
20 retary concerned.

21 “(2) COORDINATION.—Each strategic plan
22 under paragraph (1) shall be developed—

23 “(A) in coordination with affected—

24 “(i) eligible States;

1 “(ii) political subdivisions of eligible
2 States; and

3 “(iii) federally recognized Indian
4 tribes; and

5 “(B) in accordance with the priorities es-
6 tablished by 1 or more Governors of the eligible
7 States in which an ecosystem affected by an
8 invasive species is located.

9 “(3) FACTORS FOR CONSIDERATION.—In devel-
10 oping a strategic plan under this subsection, the
11 Secretary concerned shall take into consideration the
12 economic and ecological costs of action or inaction,
13 as applicable.

14 “(d) COST-EFFECTIVE METHODS.—In selecting a
15 method to be used to control or manage an invasive species
16 as part of a specific control or management project con-
17 ducted as part of a strategic plan developed under sub-
18 section (c), the Secretary concerned shall prioritize the use
19 of methods that—

20 “(1) effectively control and manage invasive
21 species, as determined by the Secretary concerned,
22 based on sound scientific data;

23 “(2) minimize environmental impacts; and

24 “(3) control and manage invasive species in the
25 least costly manner.

1 “(e) COMPARATIVE ECONOMIC ASSESSMENT.—To
 2 achieve compliance with subsection (d), the Secretary con-
 3 cerned shall require a comparative economic assessment
 4 of invasive species control and management methods to
 5 be conducted.

6 “(f) EXPEDITED ACTION.—

7 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretaries concerned
 8 shall use all tools and flexibilities available (as of the
 9 date of enactment of this section) to expedite the
 10 projects and activities described in paragraph (2).

11 “(2) DESCRIPTION OF PROJECTS AND ACTIVI-
 12 TIES.—A project or activity referred to in paragraph
 13 (1) is a project or activity—

14 “(A) to protect water or wildlife from an
 15 invasive species that, as determined by the Sec-
 16 retary concerned is, or will be, carried out on
 17 land or water that is—

18 “(i) directly managed by the Secretary
 19 concerned; and

20 “(ii) located in an area that is—

21 “(I) at high risk for the introduc-
 22 tion, establishment, or spread of
 23 invasive species; and

24 “(II) determined by the Sec-
 25 retary concerned to require immediate

1 action to address the risk identified in
2 subclause (I); and

3 “(B) carried out in accordance with appli-
4 cable agency procedures, including any applica-
5 ble—

6 “(i) land or resource management
7 plan; or

8 “(ii) land use plan.

9 “(g) ALLOCATION OF FUNDING.—Of the amount ap-
10 propriated or otherwise made available to each Secretary
11 concerned for a fiscal year for programs that address or
12 include protection of land or water from an invasive spe-
13 cies, the Secretary concerned shall use not less than 75
14 percent for on-the-ground control and management of
15 invasive species, which may include—

16 “(1) the purchase of necessary products, equip-
17 ment, or services to conduct that control and man-
18 agement;

19 “(2) the use of integrated pest management op-
20 tions, including options that use pesticides author-
21 ized for sale, distribution, or use under the Federal
22 Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (7
23 U.S.C. 136 et seq.);

1 “(3) the use of biological control agents that
2 are proven to be effective to reduce invasive species
3 populations;

4 “(4) the use of revegetation or cultural restora-
5 tion methods designed to improve the diversity and
6 richness of ecosystems;

7 “(5) the use of monitoring and detection activi-
8 ties for invasive species, including equipment, detec-
9 tion dogs, and mechanical devices;

10 “(6) the use of appropriate methods to remove
11 invasive species from a vehicle or vessel capable of
12 conveyance; or

13 “(7) the use of other effective mechanical or
14 manual control methods.

15 “(h) INVESTIGATIONS, OUTREACH, AND PUBLIC
16 AWARENESS.—Of the amount appropriated or otherwise
17 made available to each Secretary concerned for a fiscal
18 year for programs that address or include protection of
19 land or water from an invasive species, the Secretary con-
20 cerned may use not more than 15 percent for investiga-
21 tions, development activities, and outreach and public
22 awareness efforts to address invasive species control and
23 management needs.

24 “(i) ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS.—Of the amount appro-
25 priated or otherwise made available to each Secretary con-

cerned for a fiscal year for programs that address or include protection of land or water from an invasive species, not more than 10 percent may be used for administrative costs incurred to carry out those programs, including costs relating to oversight and management of the programs, recordkeeping, and implementation of the strategic plan developed under subsection (c).

“(j) REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.—Not later than 60 days after the end of the second fiscal year beginning after the date of enactment of this section, each Secretary concerned shall submit to Congress a report—

“(1) describing the use by the Secretary concerned during the 2 preceding fiscal years of funds for programs that address or include invasive species management; and

“(2) specifying the percentage of funds expended for each of the purposes specified in subsections (g), (h), and (i).

“(k) RELATION TO OTHER AUTHORITY.—

“(1) OTHER INVASIVE SPECIES CONTROL, PREVENTION, AND MANAGEMENT AUTHORITIES.—Nothing in this section precludes the Secretary concerned from pursuing or supporting, pursuant to any other provision of law, any activity regarding the control, prevention, or management of an invasive species,

1 including investigations to improve the control, pre-
2 vention, or management of the invasive species.

3 “(2) PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY SYSTEMS.—Noth-
4 ing in this section authorizes the Secretary con-
5 cerned to suspend any water delivery or diversion, or
6 otherwise to prevent the operation of a public water
7 supply system, as a measure to control, manage, or
8 prevent the introduction or spread of an invasive
9 species.

10 “(l) USE OF PARTNERSHIPS.—Subject to the sub-
11 sections (m) and (n), the Secretary concerned may enter
12 into any contract or cooperative agreement with another
13 Federal agency, an eligible State, a political subdivision
14 of an eligible State, or a private individual or entity to
15 assist with the control and management of an invasive spe-
16 cies.

17 “(m) MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING.—

18 “(1) IN GENERAL.—As a condition of a con-
19 tract or cooperative agreement under subsection (l),
20 the Secretary concerned and the applicable Federal
21 agency, eligible State, political subdivision of an eli-
22 gible State, or private individual or entity shall enter
23 into a memorandum of understanding that de-
24 scribes—

1 “(A) the nature of the partnership between
2 the parties to the memorandum of under-
3 standing; and

4 “(B) the control and management activi-
5 ties to be conducted under the contract or coop-
6 erative agreement.

7 “(2) CONTENTS.—A memorandum of under-
8 standing under this subsection shall contain, at a
9 minimum, the following:

10 “(A) A prioritized listing of each invasive
11 species to be controlled or managed.

12 “(B) An assessment of the total acres of
13 land or area of water infested by the invasive
14 species.

15 “(C) An estimate of the expected total
16 acres of land or area of water infested by the
17 invasive species after control and management
18 of the invasive species is attempted.

19 “(D) A description of each specific, inte-
20 grated pest management option to be used, in-
21 cluding a comparative economic assessment to
22 determine the least-costly method.

23 “(E) Any map, boundary, or Global Posi-
24 tioning System coordinates needed to clearly

1 identify the area in which each control or man-
2 agement activity is proposed to be conducted.

3 “(F) A written assurance that each part-
4 ner will comply with section 15 of the Federal
5 Noxious Weed Act of 1974 (7 U.S.C. 2814).

6 “(3) COORDINATION.—If a partner to a con-
7 tract or cooperative agreement under subsection (l)
8 is an eligible State, political subdivision of an eligible
9 State, or private individual or entity, the memo-
10 randum of understanding under this subsection shall
11 include a description of—

12 “(A) the means by which each applicable
13 control or management effort will be coordi-
14 nated; and

15 “(B) the expected outcomes of managing
16 and controlling the invasive species.

17 “(4) PUBLIC OUTREACH AND AWARENESS EF-
18 FORTS.—If a contract or cooperative agreement
19 under subsection (l) involves any outreach or public
20 awareness effort, the memorandum of understanding
21 under this subsection shall include a list of goals and
22 objectives for each outreach or public awareness ef-
23 fort that have been determined to be efficient to in-
24 form national, regional, State, or local audiences re-
25 garding invasive species control and management.

1 “(n) INVESTIGATIONS.—The purpose of any invasive
 2 species-related investigation carried out under a contract
 3 or cooperative agreement under subsection (l) shall be—

4 “(1) to develop solutions and specific rec-
 5 ommendations for control and management of
 6 invasive species; and

7 “(2) specifically to provide faster implementa-
 8 tion of control and management methods.

9 “(o) COORDINATION WITH AFFECTED LOCAL GOV-
 10 ERNMENTS.—Each project and activity carried out pursu-
 11 ant to this section shall be coordinated with affected local
 12 governments in a manner that is consistent with section
 13 202(c)(9) of the Federal Land Policy and Management
 14 Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1712(c)(9)).”.

15 **TITLE III—WILDLIFE**

16 **CONSERVATION**

17 **SEC. 3001. REAUTHORIZATION OF MULTINATIONAL SPE-** 18 **CIES CONSERVATION FUNDS.**

19 (a) REAUTHORIZATION OF THE AFRICAN ELEPHANT
 20 CONSERVATION ACT.—Section 2306(a) of the African
 21 Elephant Conservation Act (16 U.S.C. 4245(a)) is amend-
 22 ed by striking “2007 through 2012” and inserting “2018
 23 through 2022”.

24 (b) REAUTHORIZATION OF THE ASIAN ELEPHANT
 25 CONSERVATION ACT OF 1997.—Section 8(a) of the Asian

1 Elephant Conservation Act of 1997 (16 U.S.C. 4266(a))
 2 is amended by striking “2007 through 2012” and insert-
 3 ing “2018 through 2022”.

4 (c) REAUTHORIZATION OF THE RHINOCEROS AND
 5 TIGER CONSERVATION ACT OF 1994.—Section 10(a) of
 6 the Rhinoceros and Tiger Conservation Act of 1994 (16
 7 U.S.C. 5306(a)) is amended by striking “2007 through
 8 2012” and inserting “2018 through 2022”.

9 (d) AMENDMENTS TO THE GREAT APE CONSERVA-
 10 TION ACT OF 2000.—

11 (1) PANEL.—Section 4(i) of the Great Ape
 12 Conservation Act of 2000 (16 U.S.C. 6303(i)) is
 13 amended—

14 (A) by striking paragraph (1) and insert-
 15 ing the following:

16 “(1) CONVENTION.—Not later than 1 year after
 17 the date of the enactment of the Wildlife Innovation
 18 and Longevity Driver Act, and every 5 years there-
 19 after, the Secretary shall convene a panel of experts
 20 on great apes to identify the greatest needs and pri-
 21 orities for the conservation of great apes.”;

22 (B) by redesignating paragraph (2) as
 23 paragraph (5); and

24 (C) by inserting after paragraph (1) the
 25 following:

1 “(2) COMPOSITION.—The Secretary shall en-
2 sure that the panel referred to in paragraph (1) in-
3 cludes, to the maximum extent practicable, 1 or
4 more representatives—

5 “(A) from each country that comprises the
6 natural range of great apes; and

7 “(B) with expertise in great ape conserva-
8 tion.

9 “(3) CONSERVATION PLANS.—In identifying the
10 conservation needs and priorities under paragraph
11 (1), the panel referred to in that paragraph shall
12 consider any relevant great ape conservation plan or
13 strategy, including scientific research and findings
14 relating to—

15 “(A) the conservation needs and priorities
16 of great apes;

17 “(B) any regional or species-specific action
18 plan or strategy;

19 “(C) any applicable strategy developed or
20 initiated by the Secretary; and

21 “(D) any other applicable conservation
22 plan or strategy.

23 “(4) FUNDS.—Subject to the availability of ap-
24 propriations, the Secretary may use amounts avail-
25 able to the Secretary to pay for the costs of con-

1 vening and facilitating any meeting of the panel re-
 2 ferred to in paragraph (1).”.

3 (2) MULTIYEAR GRANTS.—Section 4 of the
 4 Great Ape Conservation Act of 2000 (16 U.S.C.
 5 6303) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
 6 lowing:

7 “(j) MULTIYEAR GRANTS.—

8 “(1) AUTHORIZATION.—The Secretary may
 9 award to a person who is otherwise eligible for a
 10 grant under this section a multiyear grant to carry
 11 out a project that the person demonstrates is an ef-
 12 fective, long-term conservation strategy for great
 13 apes and the habitat of great apes.

14 “(2) EFFECT OF SUBSECTION.—Nothing in this
 15 subsection precludes the Secretary from awarding a
 16 grant on an annual basis.”.

17 (3) ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES.—Section
 18 5(b)(2) of the Great Ape Conservation Act of 2000
 19 (16 U.S.C. 6304(b)(2)) is amended by striking
 20 “\$100,000” and inserting “\$150,000”.

21 (4) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—
 22 Section 6 of the Great Ape Conservation Act of
 23 2000 (16 U.S.C. 6305) is amended by striking
 24 “2006 through 2010” and inserting “2018 through
 25 2022”.

1 (e) AMENDMENTS TO THE MARINE TURTLE CON-
 2 SERVATION ACT OF 2004.—

3 (1) PURPOSE.—Section 2(b) of the Marine Tur-
 4 tle Conservation Act of 2004 (16 U.S.C. 6601(b)) is
 5 amended by inserting “and territories of the United
 6 States” after “foreign countries”.

7 (2) DEFINITIONS.—Section 3 of the Marine
 8 Turtle Conservation Act of 2004 (16 U.S.C. 6602)
 9 is amended—

10 (A) in paragraph (2), in the matter pre-
 11 ceding subparagraph (A), by inserting “and ter-
 12 ritories of the United States” after “foreign
 13 countries”; and

14 (B) by adding at the end the following:

15 “(7) TERRITORY OF THE UNITED STATES.—

16 The term ‘territory of the United States’ means—

17 “(A) the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico;

18 “(B) Guam;

19 “(C) American Samoa;

20 “(D) the Commonwealth of the Northern
 21 Mariana Islands;

22 “(E) the United States Virgin Islands; and

23 “(F) any other territory or possession of
 24 the United States.”.

(3) MARINE TURTLE CONSERVATION ASSIST-
 ANCE.—Section 4 of the Marine Turtle Conservation
 Act of 2004 (16 U.S.C. 6603) is amended—

(A) in subsection (b)(1)(A), by inserting
 “or a territory of the United States” after “for-
 eign country”; and

(B) in subsection (d), by striking “foreign
 countries” and inserting “a foreign country or
 a territory of the United States”.

(4) ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES.—Section
 5(b)(2) of the Marine Turtle Conservation Act of
 2004 (16 U.S.C. 6604(b)(2)) is amended by striking
 “\$80,000” and inserting “\$150,000”.

(5) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—
 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 2009” and in-
 serting “each of fiscal years 2018 through 2022”.

TITLE IV—PRIZE COMPETITIONS

SEC. 4001. DEFINITIONS.

In this title:

(1) NON-FEDERAL FUNDS.—The term “non-
 Federal funds” means funds provided by—

(A) a State;

(B) a territory of the United States;

1 (C) 1 or more units of local or tribal gov-
 2 ernment;

3 (D) a private for-profit entity;

4 (E) a nonprofit organization; or

5 (F) a private individual.

6 (2) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
 7 the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Di-
 8 rector of the United States Fish and Wildlife Serv-
 9 ice.

10 (3) WILDLIFE.—The term “wildlife” has the
 11 meaning given the term in section 8 of the Fish and
 12 Wildlife Coordination Act (16 U.S.C. 666b).

13 **SEC. 4002. THEODORE ROOSEVELT GENIUS PRIZE FOR THE**
 14 **PREVENTION OF WILDLIFE POACHING AND**
 15 **TRAFFICKING.**

16 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

17 (1) BOARD.—The term “Board” means the
 18 Prevention of Wildlife Poaching and Trafficking
 19 Technology Advisory Board established by sub-
 20 section (c)(1).

21 (2) PRIZE COMPETITION.—The term “prize
 22 competition” means the Theodore Roosevelt Genius
 23 Prize for the prevention of wildlife poaching and
 24 trafficking established under subsection (b).

1 (b) AUTHORITY.—Not later than 180 days after the
2 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall establish
3 under section 24 of the Stevenson-Wydler Technology In-
4 novation Act of 1980 (15 U.S.C. 3719) a prize competi-
5 tion, to be known as the “Theodore Roosevelt Genius
6 Prize” for the prevention of wildlife poaching and traf-
7 ficking—

8 (1) to encourage technological innovation with
9 the potential to advance the mission of the United
10 States Fish and Wildlife Service with respect to the
11 prevention of wildlife poaching and trafficking; and

12 (2) to award 1 or more prizes annually for a
13 technological advancement that prevents wildlife
14 poaching and trafficking.

15 (c) ADVISORY BOARD.—

16 (1) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established an
17 advisory board, to be known as the “Prevention of
18 Wildlife Poaching and Trafficking Technology Advi-
19 sory Board”.

20 (2) COMPOSITION.—The Board shall be com-
21 posed of not fewer than 9 members appointed by the
22 Secretary, who shall provide expertise in—

23 (A) wildlife trafficking and trade;

24 (B) wildlife conservation and management;

25 (C) biology;

- 1 (D) technology development;
- 2 (E) engineering;
- 3 (F) economics;
- 4 (G) business development and manage-
- 5 ment; and
- 6 (H) any other discipline, as the Secretary
- 7 determines to be necessary to achieve the pur-
- 8 poses of this section.

9 (3) DUTIES.—Subject to paragraph (4), with
10 respect to the prize competition, the Board shall—

- 11 (A) select a topic;
- 12 (B) issue a problem statement; and
- 13 (C) advise the Secretary on any oppor-
- 14 tunity for technological innovation to prevent
- 15 wildlife poaching and trafficking.

16 (4) CONSULTATION.—In selecting a topic and
17 issuing a problem statement for the prize competi-

18 tion under subparagraphs (A) and (B) of paragraph

19 (3), respectively, the Board shall consult widely with

20 Federal and non-Federal stakeholders, including—

- 21 (A) 1 or more Federal agencies with juris-
- 22 diction over the prevention of wildlife poaching
- 23 and trafficking;

(B) 1 or more State agencies with jurisdiction over the prevention of wildlife poaching and trafficking;

(C) 1 or more State, regional, or local wildlife organizations, the mission of which relates to the prevention of wildlife poaching and trafficking; and

(D) 1 or more wildlife conservation groups, technology companies, research institutions, institutions of higher education, industry associations, or individual stakeholders with an interest in the prevention of wildlife poaching and trafficking.

(5) REQUIREMENTS.—The Board shall comply with all requirements under section 4007(a).

(d) AGREEMENT WITH THE NATIONAL FISH AND WILDLIFE FOUNDATION.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall offer to enter into an agreement under which the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation shall administer the prize competition.

(2) REQUIREMENTS.—An agreement entered into under paragraph (1) shall comply with all requirements under section 4007(b).

(e) JUDGES.—

1 (1) APPOINTMENT.—The Secretary shall ap-
 2 point not fewer than 3 judges who shall, except as
 3 provided in paragraph (2), select the 1 or more an-
 4 nual winners of the prize competition.

5 (2) DETERMINATION BY THE SECRETARY.—
 6 The judges appointed under paragraph (1) shall not
 7 select any annual winner of the prize competition if
 8 the Secretary makes a determination that, in any
 9 fiscal year, none of the technological advancements
 10 entered into the prize competition merits an award.

11 (f) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 60 days
 12 after the date on which a cash prize is awarded under this
 13 section, the Secretary shall submit to the Committee on
 14 Environment and Public Works of the Senate and the
 15 Committee on Natural Resources of the House of Rep-
 16 resentatives a report on the prize competition that in-
 17 cludes—

18 (1) a statement by the Board that describes the
 19 activities carried out by the Board relating to the
 20 duties described in subsection (c)(3);

21 (2) if the Secretary has entered into an agree-
 22 ment under subsection (d)(1), a statement by the
 23 National Fish and Wildlife Foundation that de-
 24 scribes the activities carried out by the National

1 Fish and Wildlife Foundation relating to the duties
2 described in section 4007(b); and

3 (3) a statement by 1 or more of the judges ap-
4 pointed under subsection (e) that explains the basis
5 on which the winner of the cash prize was selected.

6 (g) TERMINATION OF AUTHORITY.—The Board and
7 all authority provided under this section shall terminate
8 on December 31, 2022.

9 **SEC. 4003. THEODORE ROOSEVELT GENIUS PRIZE FOR THE**
10 **PROMOTION OF WILDLIFE CONSERVATION.**

11 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

12 (1) BOARD.—The term “Board” means the
13 Promotion of Wildlife Conservation Technology Ad-
14 visory Board established by subsection (c)(1).

15 (2) PRIZE COMPETITION.—The term “prize
16 competition” means the Theodore Roosevelt Genius
17 Prize for the promotion of wildlife conservation es-
18 tablished under subsection (b).

19 (b) AUTHORITY.—Not later than 180 days after the
20 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall establish
21 under section 24 of the Stevenson-Wydler Technology In-
22 novation Act of 1980 (15 U.S.C. 3719) a prize competi-
23 tion, to be known as the “Theodore Roosevelt Genius
24 Prize” for the promotion of wildlife conservation—

(1) to encourage technological innovation with the potential to advance the mission of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service with respect to the promotion of wildlife conservation; and

(2) to award 1 or more prizes annually for a technological advancement that promotes wildlife conservation.

(c) ADVISORY BOARD.—

(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established an advisory board, to be known as the “Promotion of Wildlife Conservation Technology Advisory Board”.

(2) COMPOSITION.—The Board shall be composed of not fewer than 9 members appointed by the Secretary, who shall provide expertise in—

(A) wildlife conservation and management;

(B) biology;

(C) technology development;

(D) engineering;

(E) economics;

(F) business development and management; and

(G) any other discipline, as the Secretary determines to be necessary to achieve the purposes of this section.

1 (3) DUTIES.—Subject to paragraph (4), with
2 respect to the prize competition, the Board shall—

3 (A) select a topic;

4 (B) issue a problem statement; and

5 (C) advise the Secretary on any oppor-
6 tunity for technological innovation to promote
7 wildlife conservation.

8 (4) CONSULTATION.—In selecting a topic and
9 issuing a problem statement for the prize competi-
10 tion under subparagraphs (A) and (B) of paragraph
11 (3), respectively, the Board shall consult widely with
12 Federal and non-Federal stakeholders, including—

13 (A) 1 or more Federal agencies with juris-
14 diction over the promotion of wildlife conserva-
15 tion;

16 (B) 1 or more State agencies with jurisdic-
17 tion over the promotion of wildlife conservation;

18 (C) 1 or more State, regional, or local
19 wildlife organizations, the mission of which re-
20 lates to the promotion of wildlife conservation;
21 and

22 (D) 1 or more wildlife conservation groups,
23 technology companies, research institutions, in-
24 stitutions of higher education, industry associa-

1 tions, or individual stakeholders with an inter-
2 est in the promotion of wildlife conservation.

3 (5) REQUIREMENTS.—The Board shall comply
4 with all requirements under section 4007(a).

5 (d) AGREEMENT WITH THE NATIONAL FISH AND
6 WILDLIFE FOUNDATION.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall offer to
8 enter into an agreement under which the National
9 Fish and Wildlife Foundation shall administer the
10 prize competition.

11 (2) REQUIREMENTS.—An agreement entered
12 into under paragraph (1) shall comply with all re-
13 quirements under section 4007(b).

14 (e) JUDGES.—

15 (1) APPOINTMENT.—The Secretary shall ap-
16 point not fewer than 3 judges who shall, except as
17 provided in paragraph (2), select the 1 or more an-
18 nual winners of the prize competition.

19 (2) DETERMINATION BY THE SECRETARY.—
20 The judges appointed under paragraph (1) shall not
21 select any annual winner of the prize competition if
22 the Secretary makes a determination that, in any
23 fiscal year, none of the technological advancements
24 entered into the prize competition merits an award.

1 (f) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 60 days
 2 after the date on which a cash prize is awarded under this
 3 section, the Secretary shall submit to the Committee on
 4 Environment and Public Works of the Senate and the
 5 Committee on Natural Resources of the House of Rep-
 6 resentatives a report on the prize competition that in-
 7 cludes—

8 (1) a statement by the Board that describes the
 9 activities carried out by the Board relating to the
 10 duties described in subsection (c)(3);

11 (2) if the Secretary has entered into an agree-
 12 ment under subsection (d)(1), a statement by the
 13 National Fish and Wildlife Foundation that de-
 14 scribes the activities carried out by the National
 15 Fish and Wildlife Foundation relating to the duties
 16 described in section 4007(b); and

17 (3) a statement by 1 or more of the judges ap-
 18 pointed under subsection (e) that explains the basis
 19 on which the winner of the cash prize was selected.

20 (g) TERMINATION OF AUTHORITY.—The Board and
 21 all authority provided under this section shall terminate
 22 on December 31, 2022.

23 **SEC. 4004. THEODORE ROOSEVELT GENIUS PRIZE FOR THE**
 24 **MANAGEMENT OF INVASIVE SPECIES.**

25 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

1 (1) BOARD.—The term “Board” means the
2 Management of Invasive Species Technology Advi-
3 sory Board established by subsection (c)(1).

4 (2) PRIZE COMPETITION.—The term “prize
5 competition” means the Theodore Roosevelt Genius
6 Prize for the management of invasive species estab-
7 lished under subsection (b).

8 (b) AUTHORITY.—Not later than 180 days after the
9 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall establish
10 under section 24 of the Stevenson-Wydler Technology In-
11 novation Act of 1980 (15 U.S.C. 3719) a prize competi-
12 tion, to be known as the “Theodore Roosevelt Genius
13 Prize” for the management of invasive species—

14 (1) to encourage technological innovation with
15 the potential to advance the mission of the United
16 States Fish and Wildlife Service with respect to the
17 management of invasive species; and

18 (2) to award 1 or more prizes annually for a
19 technological advancement that manages invasive
20 species.

21 (c) ADVISORY BOARD.—

22 (1) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established an
23 advisory board, to be known as the “Management of
24 Invasive Species Technology Advisory Board”.

1 (2) COMPOSITION.—The Board shall be com-
2 posed of not fewer than 9 members appointed by the
3 Secretary, who shall provide expertise in—

4 (A) invasive species;

5 (B) biology;

6 (C) technology development;

7 (D) engineering;

8 (E) economics;

9 (F) business development and manage-
10 ment; and

11 (G) any other discipline, as the Secretary
12 determines to be necessary to achieve the pur-
13 poses of this section.

14 (3) DUTIES.—Subject to paragraph (4), with
15 respect to the prize competition, the Board shall—

16 (A) select a topic;

17 (B) issue a problem statement; and

18 (C) advise the Secretary on any oppor-
19 tunity for technological innovation to manage
20 invasive species.

21 (4) CONSULTATION.—In selecting a topic and
22 issuing a problem statement for the prize competi-
23 tion under subparagraphs (A) and (B) of paragraph
24 (3), respectively, the Board shall consult widely with
25 Federal and non-Federal stakeholders, including—

1 (A) 1 or more Federal agencies with juris-
 2 diction over the management of invasive spe-
 3 cies;

4 (B) 1 or more State agencies with jurisdic-
 5 tion over the management of invasive species;

6 (C) 1 or more State, regional, or local
 7 wildlife organizations, the mission of which re-
 8 lates to the management of invasive species;
 9 and

10 (D) 1 or more wildlife conservation groups,
 11 technology companies, research institutions, in-
 12 stitutions of higher education, industry associa-
 13 tions, or individual stakeholders with an inter-
 14 est in the management of invasive species.

15 (5) REQUIREMENTS.—The Board shall comply
 16 with all requirements under section 4007(a).

17 (d) AGREEMENT WITH THE NATIONAL FISH AND
 18 WILDLIFE FOUNDATION.—

19 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall offer to
 20 enter into an agreement under which the National
 21 Fish and Wildlife Foundation shall administer the
 22 prize competition.

23 (2) REQUIREMENTS.—An agreement entered
 24 into under paragraph (1) shall comply with all re-
 25 quirements under section 4007(b).

1 (e) JUDGES.—

2 (1) APPOINTMENT.—The Secretary shall ap-
3 point not fewer than 3 judges who shall, except as
4 provided in paragraph (2), select the 1 or more an-
5 nual winners of the prize competition.

6 (2) DETERMINATION BY THE SECRETARY.—

7 The judges appointed under paragraph (1) shall not
8 select any annual winner of the prize competition if
9 the Secretary makes a determination that, in any
10 fiscal year, none of the technological advancements
11 entered into the prize competition merits an award.

12 (f) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 60 days
13 after the date on which a cash prize is awarded under this
14 section, the Secretary shall submit to the Committee on
15 Environment and Public Works of the Senate and the
16 Committee on Natural Resources of the House of Rep-
17 resentatives a report on the prize competition that in-
18 cludes—

19 (1) a statement by the Board that describes the
20 activities carried out by the Board relating to the
21 duties described in subsection (c)(3);

22 (2) if the Secretary has entered into an agree-
23 ment under subsection (d)(1), a statement by the
24 National Fish and Wildlife Foundation that de-
25 scribes the activities carried out by the National

1 Fish and Wildlife Foundation relating to the duties
2 described in section 4007(b); and

3 (3) a statement by 1 or more of the judges ap-
4 pointed under subsection (e) that explains the basis
5 on which the winner of the cash prize was selected.

6 (g) TERMINATION OF AUTHORITY.—The Board and
7 all authority provided under this section shall terminate
8 on December 31, 2022.

9 **SEC. 4005. THEODORE ROOSEVELT GENIUS PRIZE FOR THE**
10 **PROTECTION OF ENDANGERED SPECIES.**

11 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

12 (1) BOARD.—The term “Board” means the
13 Protection of Endangered Species Technology Advi-
14 sory Board established by subsection (c)(1).

15 (2) PRIZE COMPETITION.—The term “prize
16 competition” means the Theodore Roosevelt Genius
17 Prize for the protection of endangered species estab-
18 lished under subsection (b).

19 (b) AUTHORITY.—Not later than 180 days after the
20 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall establish
21 under section 24 of the Stevenson-Wydler Technology In-
22 novation Act of 1980 (15 U.S.C. 3719) a prize competi-
23 tion, to be known as the “Theodore Roosevelt Genius
24 Prize” for the protection of endangered species—

(1) to encourage technological innovation with the potential to advance the mission of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service with respect to the protection of endangered species; and

(2) to award 1 or more prizes annually for a technological advancement that protects endangered species.

(c) ADVISORY BOARD.—

(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established an advisory board, to be known as the “Protection of Endangered Species Technology Advisory Board”.

(2) COMPOSITION.—The Board shall be composed of not fewer than 9 members appointed by the Secretary, who shall provide expertise in—

(A) endangered species;

(B) biology;

(C) technology development;

(D) engineering;

(E) economics;

(F) business development and management; and

(G) any other discipline, as the Secretary determines to be necessary to achieve the purposes of this section.

1 (3) DUTIES.—Subject to paragraph (4), with
2 respect to the prize competition, the Board shall—

3 (A) select a topic;

4 (B) issue a problem statement; and

5 (C) advise the Secretary on any oppor-
6 tunity for technological innovation to protect
7 endangered species.

8 (4) CONSULTATION.—In selecting a topic and
9 issuing a problem statement for the prize competi-
10 tion under subparagraphs (A) and (B) of paragraph
11 (3), respectively, the Board shall consult widely with
12 Federal and non-Federal stakeholders, including—

13 (A) 1 or more Federal agencies with juris-
14 diction over the protection of endangered spe-
15 cies;

16 (B) 1 or more State agencies with jurisdic-
17 tion over the protection of endangered species;

18 (C) 1 or more State, regional, or local
19 wildlife organizations, the mission of which re-
20 lates to the protection of endangered species;
21 and

22 (D) 1 or more wildlife conservation groups,
23 technology companies, research institutions, in-
24 stitutions of higher education, industry associa-

1 tions, or individual stakeholders with an inter-
2 est in the protection of endangered species.

3 (5) REQUIREMENTS.—The Board shall comply
4 with all requirements under section 4007(a).

5 (d) AGREEMENT WITH THE NATIONAL FISH AND
6 WILDLIFE FOUNDATION.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall offer to
8 enter into an agreement under which the National
9 Fish and Wildlife Foundation shall administer the
10 prize competition.

11 (2) REQUIREMENTS.—An agreement entered
12 into under paragraph (1) shall comply with all re-
13 quirements under section 4007(b).

14 (e) JUDGES.—

15 (1) APPOINTMENT.—The Secretary shall ap-
16 point not fewer than 3 judges who shall, except as
17 provided in paragraph (2), select the 1 or more an-
18 nual winners of the prize competition.

19 (2) DETERMINATION BY THE SECRETARY.—
20 The judges appointed under paragraph (1) shall not
21 select any annual winner of the prize competition if
22 the Secretary makes a determination that, in any
23 fiscal year, none of the technological advancements
24 entered into the prize competition merits an award.

1 (f) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 60 days
2 after the date on which a cash prize is awarded under this
3 section, the Secretary shall submit to the Committee on
4 Environment and Public Works of the Senate and the
5 Committee on Natural Resources of the House of Rep-
6 resentatives a report on the prize competition that in-
7 cludes—

8 (1) a statement by the Board that describes the
9 activities carried out by the Board relating to the
10 duties described in subsection (c)(3);

11 (2) if the Secretary has entered into an agree-
12 ment under subsection (d)(1), a statement by the
13 National Fish and Wildlife Foundation that de-
14 scribes the activities carried out by the National
15 Fish and Wildlife Foundation relating to the duties
16 described in section 4007(b); and

17 (3) a statement by 1 or more of the judges ap-
18 pointed under subsection (e) that explains the basis
19 on which the winner of the cash prize was selected.

20 (g) TERMINATION OF AUTHORITY.—The Board and
21 all authority provided under this section shall terminate
22 on December 31, 2022.

1 **SEC. 4006. THEODORE ROOSEVELT GENIUS PRIZE FOR**
2 **NONLETHAL MANAGEMENT OF HUMAN-WILD-**
3 **LIFE CONFLICTS.**

4 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

5 (1) BOARD.—The term “Board” means the
6 Nonlethal Management of Human-Wildlife Conflicts
7 Technology Advisory Board established by sub-
8 section (c)(1).

9 (2) PRIZE COMPETITION.—The term “prize
10 competition” means the Theodore Roosevelt Genius
11 Prize for the nonlethal management of human-wild-
12 life conflicts established under subsection (b).

13 (b) AUTHORITY.—Not later than 180 days after the
14 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall establish
15 under section 24 of the Stevenson-Wydler Technology In-
16 novation Act of 1980 (15 U.S.C. 3719) a prize competi-
17 tion, to be known as the “Theodore Roosevelt Genius
18 Prize” for the nonlethal management of human-wildlife
19 conflicts—

20 (1) to encourage technological innovation with
21 the potential to advance the mission of the United
22 States Fish and Wildlife Service with respect to the
23 nonlethal management of human-wildlife conflicts;
24 and

(2) to award 1 or more prizes annually for a technological advancement that promotes the nonlethal management of human-wildlife conflicts.

(c) ADVISORY BOARD.—

(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established an advisory board, to be known as the “Nonlethal Management of Human-Wildlife Conflicts Technology Advisory Board”.

(2) COMPOSITION.—The Board shall be composed of not fewer than 9 members appointed by the Secretary, who shall provide expertise in—

(A) nonlethal wildlife management;

(B) social aspects of human-wildlife conflict management;

(C) biology;

(D) technology development;

(E) engineering;

(F) economics;

(G) business development and management; and

(H) any other discipline, as the Secretary determines to be necessary to achieve the purposes of this section.

(3) DUTIES.—Subject to paragraph (4), with respect to the prize competition, the Board shall—

- 1 (A) select a topic;
- 2 (B) issue a problem statement; and
- 3 (C) advise the Secretary on any oppor-
- 4 tunity for technological innovation to promote
- 5 the nonlethal management of human-wildlife
- 6 conflicts.

7 (4) CONSULTATION.—In selecting a topic and
8 issuing a problem statement for the prize competi-
9 tion under subparagraphs (A) and (B) of paragraph
10 (3), respectively, the Board shall consult widely with
11 Federal and non-Federal stakeholders, including—

12 (A) 1 or more Federal agencies with juris-
13 diction over the management of native wildlife
14 species at risk due to conflict with human ac-
15 tivities;

16 (B) 1 or more State agencies with jurisdic-
17 tion over the management of native wildlife spe-
18 cies at risk due to conflict with human activi-
19 ties;

20 (C) 1 or more State, regional, or local
21 wildlife organizations, the mission of which re-
22 lates to the management of native wildlife spe-
23 cies at risk due to conflict with human activi-
24 ties; and

1 (D) 1 or more wildlife conservation groups,
 2 technology companies, research institutions, in-
 3 stitutions of higher education, industry associa-
 4 tions, or individual stakeholders with an inter-
 5 est in the management of native wildlife species
 6 at risk due to conflict with human activities.

7 (5) REQUIREMENTS.—The Board shall comply
 8 with all requirements under section 4007(a).

9 (d) AGREEMENT WITH THE NATIONAL FISH AND
 10 WILDLIFE FOUNDATION.—

11 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall offer to
 12 enter into an agreement under which the National
 13 Fish and Wildlife Foundation shall administer the
 14 prize competition.

15 (2) REQUIREMENTS.—An agreement entered
 16 into under paragraph (1) shall comply with all re-
 17 quirements under section 4007(b).

18 (e) JUDGES.—

19 (1) APPOINTMENT.—The Secretary shall ap-
 20 point not fewer than 3 judges who shall, except as
 21 provided in paragraph (2), select the 1 or more an-
 22 nual winners of the prize competition.

23 (2) DETERMINATION BY THE SECRETARY.—
 24 The judges appointed under paragraph (1) shall not
 25 select any annual winner of the prize competition if

1 the Secretary makes a determination that, in any
2 fiscal year, none of the technological advancements
3 entered into the prize competition merits an award.

4 (f) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 60 days
5 after the date on which a cash prize is awarded under this
6 section, the Secretary shall submit to the Committee on
7 Environment and Public Works of the Senate and the
8 Committee on Natural Resources of the House of Rep-
9 resentatives a report on the prize competition that in-
10 cludes—

11 (1) a statement by the Board that describes the
12 activities carried out by the Board relating to the
13 duties described in subsection (c)(3);

14 (2) if the Secretary has entered into an agree-
15 ment under subsection (d)(1), a statement by the
16 National Fish and Wildlife Foundation that de-
17 scribes the activities carried out by the National
18 Fish and Wildlife Foundation relating to the duties
19 described in section 4007(b); and

20 (3) a statement by 1 or more of the judges ap-
21 pointed under subsection (e) that explains the basis
22 on which the winner of the cash prize was selected.

23 (g) TERMINATION OF AUTHORITY.—The Board and
24 all authority provided under this section shall terminate
25 on December 31, 2022.

1 **SEC. 4007. ADMINISTRATION OF PRIZE COMPETITIONS.**

2 (a) **ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ADVISORY**
3 **BOARDS.**—An advisory board established under section
4 4002(c)(1), 4003(c)(1), 4004(c)(1), 4005(c)(1), or
5 4006(c)(1) (referred to in this section as a “Board”) shall
6 comply with the following requirements:

7 (1) **TERM; VACANCIES.**—

8 (A) **TERM.**—A member of the Board shall
9 serve for a term of 5 years.

10 (B) **VACANCIES.**—A vacancy on the
11 Board—

12 (i) shall not affect the powers of the
13 Board; and

14 (ii) shall be filled in the same manner
15 as the original appointment was made.

16 (2) **INITIAL MEETING.**—Not later than 30 days
17 after the date on which all members of the Board
18 have been appointed, the Board shall hold the initial
19 meeting of the Board.

20 (3) **MEETINGS.**—

21 (A) **IN GENERAL.**—The Board shall meet
22 at the call of the Chairperson.

23 (B) **REMOTE PARTICIPATION.**—

24 (i) **IN GENERAL.**—Any member of the
25 Board may participate in a meeting of the
26 Board through the use of—

1 (I) teleconferencing; or

2 (II) any other remote business
3 telecommunications method that al-
4 lows each participating member to si-
5 multaneously hear each other partici-
6 pating member during the meeting.

7 (ii) PRESENCE.—A member of the
8 Board who participates in a meeting re-
9 motely under clause (i) shall be considered
10 to be present at the meeting.

11 (4) QUORUM.—A majority of the members of
12 the Board shall constitute a quorum, but a lesser
13 number of members may hold a meeting.

14 (5) CHAIRPERSON AND VICE CHAIRPERSON.—
15 The Board shall select a Chairperson and Vice
16 Chairperson from among the members of the Board.

17 (6) ADMINISTRATIVE COST REDUCTION.—The
18 Board shall, to the maximum extent practicable,
19 minimize the administrative costs of the Board, in-
20 cluding by encouraging the remote participation de-
21 scribed in paragraph (3)(B)(i) to reduce travel costs.

22 (b) AGREEMENTS WITH THE NATIONAL FISH AND
23 WILDLIFE FOUNDATION.—Any agreement entered into
24 under section 4002(d)(1), 4003(d)(1), 4004(d)(1),

1 4005(d)(1), or 4006(c)(1) shall comply with the following
2 requirements:

3 (1) CONTENTS.—An agreement shall provide
4 the following:

5 (A) DUTIES.—The National Fish and
6 Wildlife Foundation shall—

7 (i) advertise the prize competition;

8 (ii) solicit prize competition partici-
9 pants;

10 (iii) administer funds relating to the
11 prize competition;

12 (iv) receive Federal funds—

13 (I) to administer the prize com-
14 petition; and

15 (II) to award a cash prize;

16 (v) carry out activities to generate
17 contributions of non-Federal funds to off-
18 set, in whole or in part—

19 (I) the administrative costs of the
20 prize competition; and

21 (II) the costs of a cash prize;

22 (vi) in consultation with, and subject
23 to final approval by, the Secretary, develop
24 criteria for the selection of prize competi-
25 tion winners;

(vii) provide advice and consultation to the Secretary on the selection of judges under sections 4002(e), 4003(e), 4004(e), 4005(e), 4006(e) based on criteria developed in consultation with, and subject to the final approval of, the Secretary;

(viii) announce 1 or more annual winners of the prize competition;

(ix) subject to subparagraph (B), award 1 cash prize annually; and

(x) protect against unauthorized use or disclosure by the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation of any trade secret or confidential business information of a prize competition participant.

(B) ADDITIONAL CASH PRIZES.—The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation may award more than 1 cash prize annually if the initial cash prize referred to in subparagraph (A)(ix) and any additional cash prize are awarded using only non-Federal funds.

(C) SOLICITATION OF FUNDS.—The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation—

1 (i) may request and accept Federal
2 funds and non-Federal funds for a cash
3 prize;

4 (ii) may accept a contribution for a
5 cash prize in exchange for the right to
6 name the prize; and

7 (iii) shall not give special consider-
8 ation to any Federal agency or non-Fed-
9 eral entity in exchange for a donation for
10 a cash prize awarded under this section.

11 (c) AWARD AMOUNTS.—

12 (1) IN GENERAL.—The amount of the initial
13 cash prize referred to in subsection (b)(1)(A)(ix)
14 shall be \$100,000.

15 (2) ADDITIONAL CASH PRIZES.—On notification
16 by the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation that
17 non-Federal funds are available for an additional
18 cash prize, the Secretary shall determine the amount
19 of the additional cash prize.

Passed the Senate June 8, 2017.

Attest:

Secretary.

115TH CONGRESS
1ST Session

S. 826

AN ACT

To reauthorize the Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program and certain wildlife conservation funds, to establish prize competitions relating to the prevention of wildlife poaching and trafficking, wildlife conservation, the management of invasive species, and the protection of endangered species, and for other purposes.