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## **AN ACT**

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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 “National Oceanic and  
5       Atmospheric Administration Great Lakes Improvements  
6       Act”.

7       **SEC. 2. GREAT LAKES OFFICE.**

8       (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Under Secretary may es-  
9       tablish and maintain within the Administration a Great  
10      Lakes Office in the Washington, District of Columbia  
11      area.

1       (b) PURPOSE.—The purpose of the Great Lakes Of-  
2 fice shall be to promote and coordinate Administration re-  
3 search, monitoring, and assessment work in the Great  
4 Lakes region consistent with the goals of the Great Lakes  
5 Water Quality Agreement.

6       (c) DIRECTOR.—The Director of the Great Lakes Of-  
7 fice shall be an individual with extensive knowledge and  
8 expertise in the Great Lakes ecosystem, and with appro-  
9 priate administrative experience.

10 **SEC. 3. GREAT LAKES REPORT.**

11       (a) CONTENTS.—Subject to the availability of appro-  
12 priations under section 5 of this Act, the Under Secretary,  
13 in consultation with the Director of the Great Lakes Office  
14 if established, shall prepare and submit to Congress an  
15 annual Great Lakes Report. The Report shall provide in-  
16 formation relating to Great Lakes ecosystem research,  
17 monitoring, and assessment, including—

18               (1) the individual activities, projects, or propos-  
19 als conducted by the Administration in the previous  
20 fiscal year, including a summary of funds expended  
21 in support of these activities, projects, or proposals;  
22               (2) the amount of funds received from the Ad-  
23 ministration by each State or local government unit  
24 bordering the Great Lakes;

4 (4) an inventory of Administration facilities and  
5 personnel located in a State bordering the Great  
6 Lakes or in the Great Lakes used to conduct or sup-  
7 port Administration-funded activities, projects, or  
8 proposals in the Great Lakes, including vessels;

18 (b) DEADLINE.—Subject to the availability of appro-  
19 priations under section 5 of this Act, the Under Secretary  
20 shall submit the Great Lakes Report to Congress by Octo-  
21 ber 1 of 1995, 1996, 1997, and 1998.

## 22 SEC. 4. DEFINITIONS.

23 In this Act—

24 (1) the term “Administration” means the Na-  
25 tional Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration;

(A) Lake Erie, Lake Huron, Lake Michigan, Lake Ontario, and Lake Superior;

4 (B) their connecting waters, including the  
5 St. Marys River, the St. Clair River, Lake St.  
6 Clair, the Detroit River, and the Niagara River;  
7 and

8 (C) the St. Lawrence River;

## 16 SEC. 5. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

17 There is authorized to be appropriated to the Under  
18 Secretary to carry out this Act \$100,000 for each of the  
19 fiscal years 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, and 1998.

Passed the House of Representatives March 21, 1994.

Attest:

*Clerk.*