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# H. R. 2984

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 21, 2011

Mr. MICHAUD (for himself and Ms. PINGREE of Maine) 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Maine Coastal Islands  
5 Wilderness Act of 2011”.

1 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

2 In this Act:

3 (1) HIGH-WATER MARK.—The term “high-  
4 water mark” means the point on the bank or shore  
5 up to which the water, by its presence and action or  
6 flow, leaves a distinct mark indicated by erosion, de-  
7 struction of or change in vegetation, or other easily  
8 recognizable characteristic.

9 (2) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means  
10 the Secretary of the Interior.

11 **SEC. 3. ADDITIONS TO THE NATIONAL WILDERNESS PRES-**  
12 **ERVATION SYSTEM.**

13 (a) ADDITIONS.—In furtherance of the purposes of  
14 the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.), and subject  
15 to subsection (c), the following Federal lands in the State  
16 of Maine are hereby designated as wilderness and as com-  
17 ponents of the National Wilderness Preservation System:

18 (1) Certain lands in the Cross Island National  
19 Wildlife Refuge, comprising approximately 1,703  
20 acres, as generally depicted on the map entitled  
21 “Cross Island National Wildlife Refuge: Islands Wil-  
22 derness Proposal” and dated May, 2010, which shall  
23 be known as the “Cross Island Wilderness”. Cross  
24 Island Wilderness includes six islands in a geo-  
25 graphic cluster in Washington County distributed  
26 over the following:

1 (A) Cross Island: 1,654 acres.

2 (B) Inner Double Head Shot Island: 8  
3 acres.

4 (C) Outer Double Head Shot Island: 14  
5 acres.

6 (D) Mink Island: 11 acres.

7 (E) Scotch Island: 10 acres.

8 (F) Old Man Island: 6 acres.

9 (2) Certain lands in the Petit Manan National  
10 Wildlife Refuge, comprising approximately 1,553  
11 acres, as generally depicted on the maps entitled  
12 “Petit Manan National Wildlife Refuge: Islands Wil-  
13 derness Proposal” and dated May, 2010, which shall  
14 be known as the “Maine Coastal Islands Wilder-  
15 ness”. Maine Coastal Islands Wilderness includes  
16 seven islands distributed over the following:

17 (A) Outer Heron Island (Lincoln County):  
18 66 acres.

19 (B) Outer White Island (Lincoln County):  
20 16 acres.

21 (C) Little Marshall Island (Hancock Coun-  
22 ty): 14 acres.

23 (D) John’s Island (Hancock County): 43  
24 acres.

1           (E) Bois Bubert Island (Washington  
2 County): 1,321 acres.

3           (F) Inner Sand Island (Washington Coun-  
4 ty): 18 acres.

5           (G) Halifax Island (Washington County):  
6 75 acres.

7 (b) MAPS AND DESCRIPTIONS.—

8           (1) FILING AND AVAILABILITY.—As soon as  
9 practicable after the date of the enactment of this  
10 Act, the Secretary shall file a map and legal descrip-  
11 tion of each wilderness area designated by sub-  
12 section (a) with the Committee on Natural Re-  
13 sources of the House of Representatives and the  
14 Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the  
15 Senate. The maps and legal descriptions filed shall  
16 be filed and made available for public inspection by  
17 the Secretary in the office of the Director of the  
18 United States Fish and Wildlife Service.

19           (2) FORCE AND EFFECT.—A map and legal de-  
20 scription filed under paragraph (1) shall have the  
21 same force and effect as if included in this Act, ex-  
22 cept that the Secretary may correct errors in the  
23 map and legal description.

1 (c) SEAWARD BOUNDARY OF WILDERNESS AREAS.—  
2 The seaward boundary of each wilderness area designated  
3 by this section shall be the high-water mark.

4 **SEC. 4. ADMINISTRATION.**

5 (a) MANAGEMENT.—Subject to valid existing rights,  
6 lands designated as wilderness by this Act shall be man-  
7 aged by the Secretary in accordance with the Wilderness  
8 Act (16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.) and this Act, except that,  
9 with respect to any wilderness areas designated by this  
10 Act, any reference in the Wilderness Act to the effective  
11 date of the Wilderness Act is deemed to be a reference  
12 to the date of enactment of this Act.

13 (b) INCORPORATION OF ACQUIRED LAND AND IN-  
14 TEREST.—Any land within the boundary of the land des-  
15 igned as wilderness by section 3 that is acquired by the  
16 United States shall—

- 17 (1) become part of the wilderness area; and  
18 (2) be managed in accordance with this section.

19 (c) FISH AND WILDLIFE.—As provided in section  
20 4(d)(7) of the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1133(d)(7)),  
21 nothing in this Act shall be construed as affecting the ju-  
22 risdiction or responsibilities of the State of Maine with re-  
23 spect to wildlife and fish.

24 (d) BUFFER ZONES.—Congress does not intend for  
25 the designation of wilderness areas in the State under this

1 section to lead to the creation of protective perimeters or  
2 buffer zones around any wilderness area.

3 (e) ACTIVITIES OR USES UP TO BOUNDARIES.—The  
4 fact that nonwilderness activities or uses can be seen or  
5 heard from within a wilderness designated by this Act  
6 shall not, of itself, preclude the activities or uses up to  
7 the boundary of the wilderness area.

8 (f) NAVIGATIONAL DEVICES.—Consistent with the  
9 purpose of the Wilderness Act, the Secretary may author-  
10 ize the installation of navigational devices in any wilder-  
11 ness area designated by this Act for the purpose of im-  
12 proving public health and safety.

13 (g) LANDING OF WATERCRAFT.—Nothing in this Act  
14 shall be construed as prohibiting the landing of a  
15 watercraft on an island on which is located any area des-  
16 igned as a wilderness area by this Act.

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