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S. 1788

To require the Director of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service to update the Post-delisting Monitoring Plan for the Western Great Lakes Distinct Population Segment of the Gray Wolf, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Ms. BALDWIN (for herself and Ms. KLOBUCHAR) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

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. DEFINITIONS.**

4 In this Act:

5 (1) 1978 RULE.—The term “1978 Rule” means
6 the final rule of the United States Fish and Wildlife
7 Service relating to “Reclassification of the Gray

1 Wolf in the United States and Mexico, with Deter-
 2 mination of Critical Habitat in Michigan and Min-
 3 nesota” (43 Fed. Reg. 9607 (March 9, 1978)).

4 (2) ADVISORY COMMITTEE.—The term “advi-
 5 sory committee” means the Northern Great Lakes
 6 Region Gray Wolf Advisory Committee established
 7 under section 3(a).

8 (3) DIRECTOR.—The term “Director” means
 9 the Director of the United States Fish and Wildlife
 10 Service.

11 (4) MONITORING PLAN.—The term “Monitoring
 12 Plan” means the document of the United States
 13 Fish and Wildlife Service entitled “Post-delisting
 14 Monitoring Plan for the Western Great Lakes Dis-
 15 tinct Population Segment of the Gray Wolf” and
 16 dated February 2008 (as described in the notice of
 17 document availability of the United States Fish and
 18 Wildlife Service entitled “Post-Delisting Monitoring
 19 Plan for the Western Great Lakes Distinct Popu-
 20 lation Segment of the Gray Wolf (*Canis lupus*)” (73
 21 Fed. Reg. 19525 (April 10, 2008))).

22 (5) NORTHERN GREAT LAKES REGION.—The
 23 term “Northern Great Lakes Region” means—

24 (A) the State of Minnesota;

25 (B) the State of Wisconsin; and

1 (C) the Upper Peninsula of the State of
2 Michigan.

3 (6) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
4 the Secretary of the Interior.

5 **SEC. 2. UPDATE TO THE POST-DELISTING MONITORING**
6 **PLAN FOR THE WESTERN GREAT LAKES DIS-**
7 **TINCT POPULATION SEGMENT OF THE GRAY**
8 **WOLF; DELISTING RULE.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the
10 date of enactment of this Act, the Director, in consultation
11 with the advisory committee, shall update the Monitoring
12 Plan with respect to the populations of Gray Wolf (*Canis*
13 *lupus*) in the Northern Great Lakes Region.

14 (b) EXPANDED GRAY WOLF POPULATION IN 1978
15 RULE.—For purposes of the 1978 Rule and the rule re-
16 quired under subsection (c), the population of Gray Wolf
17 (*Canis lupus*) described in the 1978 Rule as the Minnesota
18 population shall include the population of Gray Wolf
19 (*Canis lupus*) in the Northern Great Lakes Region.

20 (c) RULE REQUIRED.—On updating the Monitoring
21 Plan in accordance with subsection (a), the Secretary, in
22 consultation with the advisory committee, shall issue a
23 rule delisting the population of Gray Wolf (*Canis lupus*)
24 within the Northern Great Lakes Region under the En-
25 dangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.).

1 (d) SAVINGS PROVISION.—Nothing in this section al-
2 ters or modifies any other population of Gray Wolf (*Canis*
3 *lupus*) described in, or any other portion of, the 1978 Rule
4 other than the population of Gray Wolf (*Canis lupus*) lo-
5 cated in the Northern Great Lakes Region.

6 **SEC. 3. ADVISORY COMMITTEE.**

7 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 30 days after
8 the date of enactment of this Act, the Director shall estab-
9 lish an advisory committee, to be known as the “Northern
10 Great Lakes Region Gray Wolf Advisory Committee”, in
11 accordance with this section.

12 (b) MEMBERSHIP.—The advisory committee shall be
13 composed of—

14 (1) the Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs;
15 (2) the Secretary of Agriculture;
16 (3) the Administrator of the Animal and Plant
17 Health Inspection Service;

18 (4) the Chief of the Forest Service;

19 (5) representatives of federally recognized In-
20 dian Tribes and Tribal organizations;

21 (6) the heads of applicable State agencies in the
22 Northern Great Lakes Region, to be nominated by
23 the governors of the applicable States in the North-
24 ern Great Lakes Region and appointed by the Direc-
25 tor; and

1 (7) other appropriate individuals with expertise
2 on wolf biology, wolf management, and wolf preda-
3 tion, as determined by the Director.

4 (c) DUTIES.—The advisory committee shall consult
5 with—

6 (1) the Director with respect to the updating of
7 the Monitoring Plan under section 2(a); and

8 (2) the Secretary—

9 (A) with respect to the issuing of the
10 delisting rule under section 2(c); and

11 (B) during the 5-year post-delisting moni-
12 toring period following the issuance of that rule.

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