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Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

AN ACT

To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to assess sanitation and safety conditions at Bureau of Indian Affairs facilities that were constructed to provide affected Columbia River Treaty tribes access to traditional fishing grounds and expend funds on construction of facilities and structures to improve those conditions, 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.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Columbia River In-
5 Lieu and Treaty Fishing Access Sites Improvement Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. SANITATION AND SAFETY CONDITIONS AT CERTAIN**
7 **BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS FACILITIES.**

8 (a) ASSESSMENT OF CONDITIONS.—The Secretary of
9 the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Indian Affairs,
10 in consultation with the affected Columbia River Treaty
11 tribes, may assess current sanitation and safety conditions
12 on lands held by the United States for the benefit of the
13 affected Columbia River Treaty tribes, including all per-
14 manent Federal structures and improvements on those
15 lands, that were set aside to provide affected Columbia
16 River Treaty tribes access to traditional fishing grounds—

17 (1) in accordance with the Act of March 2,
18 1945 (59 Stat. 10, chapter 19) (commonly known as
19 the “River and Harbor Act of 1945”); or

20 (2) in accordance with title IV of Public Law
21 100–581 (102 Stat. 2944).

22 (b) EXCLUSIVE AUTHORIZATION; CONTRACTS.—The
23 Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of
24 Indian Affairs—

1 (1) subject to paragraph (2)(B), shall be the
2 only Federal agency authorized to carry out the ac-
3 tivities described in this section; and

4 (2) may delegate the authority to carry out ac-
5 tivities described in paragraphs (1) and (2) of sub-
6 section (c)—

7 (A) through one or more contracts entered
8 into with an Indian tribe or tribal organization
9 under the Indian Self-Determination and Edu-
10 cation Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 5301 et seq.);
11 or

12 (B) to include other Federal agencies that
13 have relevant expertise.

14 (c) DEFINITION OF AFFECTED COLUMBIA RIVER
15 TREATY TRIBES.—In this section, the term “affected Co-
16 lumbia River Treaty tribes” means the Nez Perce Tribe,
17 the Confederated Tribes of Umatilla Indian Reservation,
18 the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation
19 of Oregon, and the Confederated Tribes and Bands of the
20 Yakama Nation.

21 (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
22 are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary of the
23 Interior such sums as are necessary, to remain available
24 until expended—

1 (1) for improvements to existing structures and
2 infrastructure to improve sanitation and safety con-
3 ditions assessed under subsection (a); and

4 (2) to improve access to electricity, sewer, and
5 water infrastructure, where feasible, to reflect needs
6 for sanitary and safe use of facilities referred to in
7 subsection (a).

8 **SEC. 3. STUDY OF ASSESSMENT AND IMPROVEMENT AC-**
9 **TIVITIES.**

10 The Comptroller General of the United States, in
11 consultation with the Committee on Indian Affairs of the
12 Senate, shall—

13 (1) conduct a study to evaluate whether the
14 sanitation and safety conditions on lands held by the
15 United States for the benefit of the affected Colum-
16 bia River Treaty tribes (as defined in section 2) have
17 improved as a result of the activities authorized in
18 section 2; and

19 (2) prepare and submit to the Committee on
20 Indian Affairs of the Senate and the Committee on

1 Natural Resources of the House of Representatives
2 a report containing the results of that study.

Passed the Senate November 29, 2017.

Attest: JULIE E. ADAMS,
Secretary.