

Public Law 102-271
102d Congress

An Act

Apr. 20, 1992
[S. 606]

To amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act by designating certain segments of the Allegheny River in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, and for other purposes.

Conservation.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. DESIGNATION OF ALLEGHENY RIVER.

16 USC 1274
note.

In order to preserve and protect for present and future generations the outstanding scenic, natural, recreational, scientific, historic, and ecological values of the Allegheny River in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and to assist in the protection, preservation, and enhancement of the fisheries resources associated with such river, section 3(a) of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (16 U.S.C. 1274(a)) is amended by adding the following new paragraph at the end:

“() ALLEGHENY, PENNSYLVANIA.—The segment from Kinzua Dam downstream approximately 7 miles to the United States Route 6 Bridge, and the segment from Buckaloons Recreation Area at Irvine, Pennsylvania, downstream approximately 47 miles to the southern end of Alcorn Island at Oil City, to be administered by the Secretary of Agriculture as a recreational river through a cooperative agreement with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the counties of Warren, Forest, and Venango, as provided under section 10(e) of this Act; and the segment from the sewage treatment plant at Franklin downstream approximately 31 miles to the refinery at Emlenton, Pennsylvania, to be administered by the Secretary of Agriculture as a recreational river through a cooperative agreement with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and Venango County, as provided under section 10(e) of this Act.”.

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SEC. 2. ADVISORY COUNCILS FOR THE ALLEGHENY NATIONAL RECREATIONAL RIVER.

(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary of Agriculture (hereafter in this Act referred to as the “Secretary”) shall establish within 120 days after the date of enactment of this Act 2 advisory councils to advise him on the establishment of final boundaries and the management of the river segments designated by section 1 of this Act (hereinafter referred to as the “Allegheny National Wild and Scenic River”), as follows:

(1) The Northern Advisory Council, to provide advice for the management of the segments of the Allegheny National Wild and Scenic River between Kinzua Dam and Alcorn Island.

(2) The Southern Advisory Council, to provide advice for the management of the segment of the Allegheny National Wild and Scenic River between Franklin and Emlenton.

(b) NORTHERN ADVISORY COUNCIL.—(1) The Northern Advisory Council shall be composed of 9 members appointed by the Secretary as follows:

(A) The Forest Supervisor of the Allegheny National Forest, or his designee, who shall serve as chair of the Council and be a nonvoting member.

(B) The Secretary of the Department of Environmental Resources of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, or his designee.

(C) 6 members, 2 from each county from recommendations submitted by the County Commissioners of Warren, Forest, and Venango Counties, of which no fewer than 2 such members shall be riparian property owners along the Allegheny National Wild and Scenic River.

(D) One member from a nonprofit conservation organization concerned with the protection of natural resources from recommendations submitted by the Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

(2) Members appointed under subparagraphs (C) and (D) of paragraph (1) shall be appointed for terms of 3 years. A vacancy in the Council shall be filled in the manner in which the original appointment was made.

(3) Members of the Northern Advisory Council shall serve without pay as such and members who are full-time officers or employees of the United States shall receive no additional pay by reason of their service on the Commission. Each member shall be entitled to reimbursement for expenses reasonably incurred in carrying out their responsibilities under this Act.

(4) The Northern Advisory Council shall cease to exist 10 years after the date on which the Secretary approves the management plan for the Allegheny National Recreation River.

Termination
date.

(c) SOUTHERN ADVISORY COUNCIL.—(1) The Southern Advisory Council shall be composed of 7 members appointed by the Secretary as follows:

(A) The Forest Supervisor of the Allegheny National Forest, or his designee, who shall serve as a nonvoting member.

(B) The Secretary of the Department of Environmental Resources of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, or his designee, who shall serve as chairman.

(C) 4 members from recommendations submitted by the County Commissioners of Venango County, of which at least one shall be a riparian property owner along the Allegheny National Wild and Scenic River.

(D) One member from a nonprofit conservation organization concerned with the protection of natural resources, from recommendations submitted by the Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

(2) Members appointed under subparagraphs (C) and (D) of paragraph (1) shall be appointed for terms of 3 years. A vacancy of the county representatives on the Council shall be filled in the manner in which the original appointment was made.

(3) Members of the Southern Advisory Council shall serve without pay as such and members who are full-time officers or employees of the United States shall receive no additional pay by reason of their service on the Commission. Each member shall be entitled to reimbursement for expenses reasonably incurred in carrying out their responsibilities under this Act.

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(4) The Southern Advisory Council shall cease to exist 10 years after the date on which the Secretary approves the management plan for the Allegheny National Recreation River.

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SEC. 3. ADMINISTRATION OF ALLEGHENY NATIONAL WILD AND SCENIC RIVER.

(a) **BOUNDARIES.**—After consultation with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, advisory councils, local governments, and the public, and within 18 months after the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall take such action with respect to the segments of the Allegheny River designated under section 1 of this Act as is required under section 3(b) of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act.

(b) **INTERIM MEASURES.**—As soon as practicable after enactment of this Act, the Secretary, shall issue guidelines specifying standards for local zoning ordinances, pursuant to section 6(c) of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, with the objective of protecting the outstandingly remarkable values of the Allegheny Wild and Scenic River, as defined by the Secretary. Once issued, such guidelines shall have the force and effect provided in section 6(c) of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act.

Public lands.
Minerals and
mining.

(c) **ADMINISTRATION OF CERTAIN SEGMENTS.**—(1) Land and mineral rights acquired by the Secretary for the purpose of managing the Allegheny National Wild and Scenic River segments located between Kinzua Dam and Alcorn Island shall be added to and become part of the Allegheny National Forest.

(2) Land and mineral rights acquired by the Secretary for the purpose of managing the Allegheny National Wild and Scenic River segment located between Franklin and Emlenton may be managed under a cooperative agreement with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

SEC. 5. STUDY RIVERS.

16 USC 1276.

(a) **STUDY.**—Section 5(a) of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (16 U.S.C. 1271–1287) is amended by adding the following new paragraphs at the end thereof:

“() **CLARION, PENNSYLVANIA.**—The segment of the main stem of the river from Ridgway to its confluence with the Allegheny River. The Secretary of Agriculture shall conduct the study of such segment.

“() MILL CREEK, JEFFERSON AND CLARION COUNTIES, PENNSYLVANIA.—The segment of the main stem of the creek from its headwaters near Gumbert Hill in Jefferson County, downstream to the confluence with the Clarion River.”.

SEC. 6. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

16 USC 1274
note.

There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary to carry out this Act.

Approved April 20, 1992.

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