

117TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 7797

To direct the Secretary of the Army to carry out a study relating to projects to restore the Florida Central Gulf Coastal Shellfish and Seagrass habitat, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 17, 2022

Mr. BUCHANAN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

A BILL

To direct the Secretary of the Army to carry out a study relating to projects to restore the Florida Central Gulf Coastal Shellfish and Seagrass habitat, 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. STUDY ON ESTUARY HABITAT RESTORATION**

4 **PROJECT.**

5 (a) STUDY ON FLORIDA CENTRAL GULF COAST

6 SHELLFISH AND SEAGRASS ESTUARY HABITAT

7 PROJECT.—Not later than 24 months after the date of

8 enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall carry out a

1 study, and submit to the Committee on Transportation
2 and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives and
3 the Committee on Environment and Public Works of the
4 Senate, a report on projects and activities through the Di-
5 rector of the Engineer Research and Development Center
6 (ERDC) to restore Florida Central Gulf Coastal Shellfish
7 and Seagrass habitat.

8 (b) REQUIREMENTS.—In conducting the study under
9 subsection (a), the Secretary shall—

10 (1) consult with independent expert scientists
11 and other regional stakeholders with expertise and
12 experience to assist the Secretary; and

13 (2) coordinate with Federal, State, and local
14 agencies providing oversight for both short and long-
15 term monitoring of the estuary habitat activities.

16 (c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
17 authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
18 \$2,000,000, to remain available until expended.

○