

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

June 21, 2006

S. 2430 Great Lakes Fish and Wildlife Restoration Act of 2006

As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works on May 23, 2006

SUMMARY

S. 2430 would authorize the appropriation of \$18 million for each of fiscal years 2007 through 2011 to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for fish and wildlife restoration in the Great Lakes Basin. Assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts, CBO estimates that implementing the bill would cost \$14 million in 2007 and \$84 million over the 2007-2011 period. (An additional \$6 million would be spent in fiscal year 2012.)

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ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

The estimated budgetary impact of S. 2430 is shown in the following table. For this estimate, CBO assumes that S. 2430 will be enacted by the end of 2006 and that the entire amount authorized will be appropriated for each fiscal year. Estimated outlays are based on historical spending patterns for fish and wildlife programs. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 300 (natural resources and the environment).

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars				
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
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Authorization Level	18	18	18	18	18
Estimated Outlays	14	17	17	18	18

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT

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