



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

September 19, 2001

H.R. 2062

A bill to extend the effective period of the consent of Congress to the interstate compact relating to the restoration of Atlantic salmon to the Connecticut River Basin and creating the Connecticut River Atlantic Salmon Commission, and for other purposes

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Resources on September 12, 2001

SUMMARY

CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 2062 would cost \$2 million in 2002 and \$23 million over the 2002-2006 period, assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts. The bill would not affect direct spending or receipts; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply. H.R. 2062 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA) and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

Under Public Law 98-138, the Congress consented to an interstate compact that established the Connecticut River Atlantic Salmon Commission, an interagency, multistate cooperative organization created to restore Atlantic salmon to the Connecticut River. H.R. 2062 would extend by 20 years the effective period of Congressional consent to the compact and authorize the appropriation of \$5 million a year during that period for the commission.

ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

The estimated budgetary impact of H.R. 2062 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 300 (natural resources and environment).

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars					
	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION						
Spending Under Current Law						
Budget Authority ^a	1	0	0	0	0	0
Estimated Outlays	1	0	0	0	0	0
Proposed Changes						
Authorization Level	0	5	5	5	5	5
Estimated Outlays	0	2	5	6	5	5
Spending Under H.R. 2062						
Authorization Level ^a	1	5	5	5	5	5
Estimated Outlays	1	2	5	6	5	5

a. The 2001 level is the amount appropriated that year for activities related to the Connecticut River Salmon Commission.

BASIS OF ESTIMATE

For this estimate, CBO assumes that H.R. 2062 will be enacted near the start of fiscal year 2002 and that authorized amounts will be provided near the start of each fiscal year.

According to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, federal agencies currently spend a total of about \$1 million annually for activities related to the Connecticut River Atlantic Salmon Commission. According to the agency, additional funds proposed by H.R. 2052 would enable the commission to expand its activities and would be used to hire additional staff and restore salmon habitat. CBO estimates that outlays for these activities would total \$2 million in 2002 and \$23 million over the next five years.

PAY-AS-YOU-GO CONSIDERATIONS: None.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT

H.R. 2062 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

PREVIOUS CBO ESTIMATE

On September 18, 2001, CBO transmitted a cost estimate for S. 703, similar legislation as reported by the Senate Committee on the Judiciary on September 6, 2001. Differences between the two cost estimates reflect differences in the amounts authorized to be appropriated under each bill. Specifically, S. 703 would authorize appropriations of \$9 million a year, while H.R. 2062 would authorize \$5 million a year.

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