



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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**H.R. 1945
Pacific Salmon Recovery Act**

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Resources on June 11, 2003

SUMMARY

H.R. 1945 would authorize a grant program under the auspices of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) for salmon conservation and habitat restoration projects in the Pacific Northwest. For this purpose, the bill would authorize the appropriation of \$200 million for each of fiscal years 2004, 2005, and 2006.

Assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts, CBO estimates that implementing the legislation would cost the federal government \$600 million over the next five years. Enacting H.R. 1945 would not affect direct spending or revenues.

The bill contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA).

ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

The estimated budgetary impact of H.R. 1945 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation would fall within budget function 300 (natural resources and environment).

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars					
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION						
Spending Under Current Law for Pacific Salmon Programs						
Budget Authority ^a	90	0	0	0	0	0
Estimated Outlays	170	100	0	0	0	0
Proposed Changes						
Authorization Level	0	200	200	200	0	0
Estimated Outlays	0	200	200	200	0	0
Spending Under H.R. 1945						
Authorization Level	90	200	200	200	0	0
Estimated Outlays	170	300	200	200	0	0

a. The 2003 level is the amount appropriated for that year for activities similar to those that would be authorized by H.R. 1945.

BASIS OF ESTIMATE

H.R. 1945 would authorize appropriations to fund salmon conservation programs in the states of Alaska, Washington, Oregon, California, and Idaho, and Indian tribes in those states. For this estimate, CBO assumes that the full amounts authorized by the bill will be appropriated and transferred to each eligible entity in each fiscal year. The estimate of outlays reflects the bill's requirement that grant money be transferred promptly to an eligible state or tribe once it enters into a memorandum of understanding with NOAA.

The bill also would require the President to report to the Congress on the retirement benefits of U.S. citizens who were once employed by the defunct International Pacific Salmon Fisheries Commission and International North Pacific Fisheries Commission. CBO estimates that implementing this provision would have no significant impact on federal spending.

ESTIMATED IMPACT ON STATE, LOCAL, AND TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS

H.R. 1945 contains no intergovernmental mandates as defined in UMRA. The bill would benefit Alaska, California, Idaho, Oregon, and Washington, and tribal governments located in those states, by authorizing the Secretary of Commerce to grant them funds for salmon conservation and habitat restoration.

ESTIMATED IMPACT ON THE PRIVATE SECTOR

The bill contains no new private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA.

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