

H.R. 5973, Great Lakes Fish and Wildlife Restoration Reauthorization Act of 2021

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Natural Resources on February 16, 2022

By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars	2022	2022-2026	2022-2031
Direct Spending (Outlays)	0	0	0
Revenues	0	0	0
Increase or Decrease (-) in the Deficit	0	0	0
Spending Subject to Appropriation (Outlays)	*	31	47
Statutory pay-as-you-go procedures apply?	No	Mandate Effects	
Increases on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2032?	No	Contains intergovernmental mandate?	No
		Contains private-sector mandate?	No

* = between zero and \$500,000.

H.R. 5973 would authorize the appropriation of \$8 million annually over the 2022-2027 period for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) to provide grants and assistance for fish, wildlife, and habitat restoration within the Great Lakes Basin.

For this estimate, CBO assumes that the legislation will be enacted late in fiscal year 2022 and that the authorized amounts will be appropriated each year.

In 2022, USFWS allocated \$1 million for the program. CBO estimates that H.R. 5973 would authorize an increase in spending subject to appropriation in 2022 of \$7 million, the difference between the authorized amount and the allocated amount. Based on historical spending patterns for similar activities, we estimate that implementing the bill would cost \$31 million over the 2022-2026 period and \$16 million after 2026.

The costs of the legislation, detailed in Table 1, fall within budget function 300 (natural resources and environment).



Table 1.
Estimated Increases in Spending Subject to Appropriation Under H.R. 5973

	By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars										2022-2026	2022-2031
	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031		
Increases in Spending Subject to Appropriation												
Authorization ^a	7	8	8	8	8	8	0	0	0	0	39	47
Estimated Outlays	*	6	9	8	8	8	5	3	0	0	31	47

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