



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

August 2, 2012

S. 1494 **National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Reauthorization Act of 2012**

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works
on July 25, 2012*

SUMMARY

S. 1494 would authorize appropriations totaling \$25 million a year to support the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation. The foundation is a nonprofit corporation established by federal law to provide grants for activities related to conserving and managing fish, wildlife, plants, and other natural resources. Assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts, CBO estimates that implementing the legislation would cost \$125 million over the 2013-2017 period.

Enacting S. 1494 would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

S. 1494 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA) and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

The estimated budgetary impact of S. 1494 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 300 (natural resources and environment).

For this estimate, CBO assumes that the bill will be enacted in 2012 and that the authorized amounts will be appropriated for each fiscal year. Estimated outlays are based on historical spending patterns for grants to the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation.

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars					2013- 2017
	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	
CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION ^a						
Authorization Level	25	25	25	25	25	125
Estimated Outlays	25	25	25	25	25	125

a. CBO estimates that the Department of the Interior and the Forest Service will spend about \$14 million in fiscal year 2012 to support the activities of the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT

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