



## CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

June 18, 2010

### **S. 817** **Pacific Salmon Stronghold Conservation Act of 2009**

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science,  
and Transportation on June 9, 2010*

#### **SUMMARY**

S. 817 would authorize the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to carry out certain activities related to the conservation of certain salmon habitats. Assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts, CBO estimates that implementing the legislation would cost \$91 million over the 2011-2015 period.

Enacting the legislation could increase offsetting receipts (from private donations) and associated direct spending; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures would apply. However, CBO estimates that the net effects would be negligible for each year. Enacting the bill would not affect revenues.

S. 817 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.

#### **ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT**

The estimated budgetary impact of S. 817 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					2011- 2015
	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	
<b>CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION</b>						
Authorization Level	30	30	30	0	0	91
Estimated Outlays	20	26	29	11	5	91

Note: Amounts may not add to totals because of rounding.

## **BASIS OF ESTIMATE**

For this estimate, CBO assumes that the legislation will be enacted by the end of fiscal year 2010 and that the authorized amounts will be appropriated for each fiscal year beginning in 2011. Estimated outlays are based on historical spending patterns for similar NOAA activities.

S. 817 would require the Secretary of Commerce to establish a partnership between public and private entities to identify and protect certain salmon habitats. The bill would authorize the appropriation of \$30 million annually over the 2010-2013 period for NOAA to provide grants to support the activities of the partnership. The bill also would authorize the appropriation of \$300,000 a year over that period for NOAA to collect and disseminate information related to salmon habitats. Assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts, CBO estimates that implementing the legislation would cost \$91 million over the 2011-2015 period.

## **PAY-AS-YOU-GO CONSIDERATIONS**

The Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010 establishes budget reporting and enforcement procedures for legislation affecting direct spending or revenues. S. 817 could increase offsetting receipts (from private donations) and associated direct spending; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures would apply. However, CBO estimates that any increase in offsetting receipts would be less than \$500,000 a year and would be offset by similar increases in direct spending. The net budgetary changes that are subject to pay-as-you-go procedures are shown in the following table.

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**CBO Estimate of Pay-As-You-Go Effects for S. 817, the Pacific Salmon Stronghold Conservation Act of 2009, as ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation on June 9, 2010**

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	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars											2010-	2010-
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2015	2020
<b>NET INCREASE OR DECREASE (-) IN THE DEFICIT</b>													
Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Impact	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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## **INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT**

S. 817 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA and would impose no cost on state, local, or tribal governments.

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