



## CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

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### **S. 3073** **Great Lakes Ecosystem Protection Act of 2010**

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works  
on June 30, 2010*

#### **SUMMARY**

S. 3073 would authorize the appropriation of \$475 million annually over the 2011-2015 period for the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to support the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative, a program that funds projects targeting invasive aquatic species and nonpoint source pollution. This legislation also would authorize the appropriation of \$150 million annually over the 2011-2015 period for EPA to fund projects aimed at cleaning up certain areas of the Great Lakes where contamination has settled into sediment at the bottom of the lakes. In addition, the bill would authorize the appropriation of \$25 million annually over that same period for program costs associated with overseeing projects related to the lakes.

Assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts, CBO estimates that implementing this legislation would cost \$2.8 billion over the 2011-2015 period.

Pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply to this legislation because it would not affect direct spending or revenues.

S. 3073 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. 3073 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-<br>2015 |
|---|--|------|------|------|------|---------------|
|   | 2011                                   | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 |               |
| <b>CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION</b> |  |      |      |      |      |               |
| Great Lakes Restoration Initiative                  |  |      |      |      |      |               |
| Authorization Level                                 | 475                                    | 475  | 475  | 475  | 475  | 2,375         |
| Estimated Outlays                                   | 214                                    | 404  | 475  | 475  | 475  | 2,043         |
| Clean-up Projects                                   |  |      |      |      |      |               |
| Authorization Level                                 | 150                                    | 150  | 150  | 150  | 150  | 750           |
| Estimated Outlays                                   | 68                                     | 128  | 150  | 150  | 150  | 646           |
| Program Costs                                       |  |      |      |      |      |               |
| Authorization Level                                 | 25                                     | 25   | 25   | 25   | 25   | 125           |
| Estimated Outlays                                   | 21                                     | 25   | 25   | 25   | 25   | 121           |
| Total Changes                                       |  |      |      |      |      |               |
| Authorization Level                                 | 650                                    | 650  | 650  | 650  | 650  | 3,250         |
| Estimated Outlays                                   | 303                                    | 557  | 650  | 650  | 650  | 2,810         |

## **BASIS OF ESTIMATE**

For this estimate, CBO assumes that S. 3073 will be enacted near the beginning of fiscal year 2011, that specified amounts will be appropriated in each year starting in 2011, and that outlays will follow historical spending patterns for the similar programs.

**PAY-AS-YOU-GO CONSIDERATIONS:** None.

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

S. 3073 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

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