

114TH CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 6200

To provide for the issuance of a Puget Sound Restoration Semipostal Stamp.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 28, 2016

Mr. HECK of Washington (for himself, Mr. KILMER, and Ms. DELBENE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, and in addition to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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## A BILL

To provide for the issuance of a Puget Sound Restoration Semipostal Stamp.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Ongoing Recovery and  
5 Conservation Awareness Act of 2016”.

6 **SEC. 2. PUGET SOUND RESTORATION STAMP.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—In order to afford a convenient  
8 way for members of the public to contribute to funding  
9 for the operations supported by the Puget Sound Action

1 Agenda, as described under the heading “Environmental  
2 Programs and Management” in the conference report ac-  
3 companying the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2012  
4 (Public Law 112–74), the United States Postal Service  
5 shall issue a semipostal stamp (referred to in this Act as  
6 the “Puget Sound Restoration Semipostal Stamp”) in ac-  
7 cordance with the provisions of this section.

8 (b) COST.—The Puget Sound Restoration Semipostal  
9 Stamp shall be offered at a cost equal to the cost of mail-  
10 ing a letter weighing 1 ounce or less at the nonautomation  
11 single-piece first-ounce letter rate, in effect at the time  
12 of purchase, plus a differential of not less than 25 percent.

13 (c) OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—The issuance  
14 and sale of the Puget Sound Restoration Semipostal  
15 Stamp shall be governed by the provisions of section 416  
16 of title 39, United States Code, and regulations issued  
17 under such section, subject to subsection (b) and the fol-  
18 lowing:

19 (1) DISPOSITION OF PROCEEDS.—

20 (A) IN GENERAL.—All amounts becoming  
21 available from the sale of the Puget Sound Res-  
22 toration Semipostal Stamp shall be transferred  
23 to the Environmental Protection Agency for the  
24 purpose of funding the operations of the Agen-  
25 da described in subsection (a), through pay-

1           ments which shall be made at least twice a  
2           year.

3                   (B) PROCEEDS NOT TO BE OFFSET.—In  
4           accordance with section 416(d)(4) of such title  
5           39, amounts becoming available from the sale  
6           of the Puget Sound Restoration Semipostal  
7           Stamp (as so determined) shall not be taken  
8           into account in any decision relating to the level  
9           of appropriations or other Federal funding to  
10          be furnished in any year to—

11                         (i) the Environmental Protection  
12                                 Agency; or

13                         (ii) the Agenda identified in sub-  
14                                 section (a).

15                   (2) DURATION.—The Puget Sound Restoration  
16           Semipostal Stamp shall be made available to the  
17           public for a period of at least 5 years, beginning no  
18           later than 12 months after the date of the enact-  
19           ment of this Act.

20                   (3) STAMP DEPICTIONS.—Stamps issued under  
21           this Act shall depict images of the Puget Sound and  
22           marine life native to the Sound.

23                   (4) LIMITATION.—The Puget Sound Restora-  
24           tion Semipostal Stamp shall not be subject to, or

1 taken into account for purposes of applying, any lim-  
2 itation under section 416(e)(1)(C) of such title 39.

3 (d) DEFINITION.—For purposes of this Act, the term  
4 “semipostal stamp” refers to a stamp described in section  
5 416(a)(1) of title 39, United States Code.

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