

(ii) collective strategies that support the purposes of this title in coordination with all relevant Federal and State entities and Indian Tribes.

(F) The distribution of funds from each partnership for each fiscal year covered by the report.

(h) Availability of Federal funds

In addition to amounts made available to the Regional Ocean Partnerships by the Administrator under this section, the head of any other Federal agency may provide grants to, enter into contracts with, or otherwise provide funding to such partnerships, subject to availability of appropriations for such purposes.

(i) Authorities

Nothing in this section establishes any new legal or regulatory authority of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration or of the Regional Ocean Partnerships, other than—

(1) the authority of the Administrator to provide amounts to the partnerships; and

(2) the authority of the partnerships to provide grants and enter into contracts under subsection (f).

(j) Authorizations

(1) Regional Ocean Partnerships

There are authorized to be appropriated to the Administrator the following amounts to be made available to the Regional Ocean Partnerships or designated fiscal management entities of such partnerships to carry out activities of such partnerships under this title:

- (A) \$10,100,000 for fiscal year 2023.
- (B) \$10,202,000 for fiscal year 2024.
- (C) \$10,306,040 for fiscal year 2025.
- (D) \$10,412,160 for fiscal year 2026.
- (E) \$10,520,404 for fiscal year 2027.

(2) Distribution of amounts

Amounts made available under this subsection shall be divided evenly among the Regional Ocean Partnerships.

(3) Tribal government participation

There is authorized to be appropriated to the Administrator \$1,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2023 through 2027 to be distributed to Indian Tribes for purposes of participation in or engagement with the Regional Ocean Partnerships.

(Pub. L. 117-263, div. J, title CII, § 10202, Dec. 23, 2022, 136 Stat. 3962.)

Editorial Notes

REFERENCES IN TEXT

Executive Order 13175, referred to in subsec. (e)(2), is Ex. Ord. No. 13175, Nov. 6, 2000, 65 F.R. 67249, which is set out as a note under section 5301 of Title 25, Indians.

This title, referred to in subsecs. (g)(2)(D), (E) and (j)(1), means title CII of division J of Pub. L. 117-263, which enacted this section and provisions set out as a note below. For complete classification of title CII to the Code, see Tables.

CODIFICATION

Section was enacted as part of the James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023, and not as part of the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 which comprises this chapter.

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

FINDINGS; PURPOSES

Pub. L. 117-263, div. J, title CII, § 10201, Dec. 23, 2022, 136 Stat. 3961, provided that:

“(a) FINDINGS.—Congress makes the following findings:

“(1) The ocean and coastal waters and the Great Lakes of the United States are foundational to the economy, security, global competitiveness, and well-being of the United States and continuously serve the people of the United States and other countries as an important source of food, energy, economic productivity, recreation, beauty, and enjoyment.

“(2) Over many years, the resource productivity and water quality of the ocean, coastal, and Great Lakes areas of the United States have been diminished by pollution, increasing population demands, economic development, and natural and man-made hazard events, both acute and chronic.

“(3) The ocean, coastal, and Great Lakes areas of the United States are managed by State and Federal resource agencies and Indian Tribes and regulated on an interstate and regional scale by various overlapping Federal authorities, thereby creating a significant need for interstate coordination to enhance regional priorities, including the ecological and economic health of those areas.

“(4) Indian Tribes have unique expertise and knowledge important for the stewardship of the ocean and coastal waters and the Great Lakes of the United States.

“(b) PURPOSES.—The purposes of this title [enacting this section] are as follows:

“(1) To complement and expand cooperative voluntary efforts intended to manage, conserve, and restore ocean, coastal, and Great Lakes areas spanning across multiple State and Indian Tribe jurisdictions.

“(2) To expand Federal support for monitoring, data management, restoration, research, and conservation activities in ocean, coastal, and Great Lakes areas.

“(3) To commit the United States to a comprehensive cooperative program to achieve improved water quality in, and improvements in the productivity of living resources of, oceans, coastal, and Great Lakes ecosystems.

“(4) To authorize Regional Ocean Partnerships as intergovernmental coordinators for shared regional priorities among States and Indian Tribes relating to the collaborative management of the large marine ecosystems, thereby reducing duplication of efforts and maximizing opportunities to leverage support in the ocean and coastal regions.

“(5) To empower States to take a lead role in managing oceans, coastal, and Great Lakes areas.

“(6) To incorporate rights of Indian Tribes in the management of oceans, coasts, and Great Lakes resources and provide resources to support Indian Tribe participation in and engagement with Regional Ocean Partnerships.

“(7) To enable Regional Ocean Partnerships, or designated fiscal management entities of such partnerships, to receive Federal funding to conduct the scientific research, conservation, and restoration activities, and priority coordination on shared regional priorities necessary to achieve the purposes described in paragraphs (1) through (6).”

CHAPTER 34—RURAL ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION PROGRAM

§§ 1501 to 1508. Repealed. Pub. L. 104-127, title III, § 336(d)(1), Apr. 4, 1996, 110 Stat. 1006

Section 1501, Pub. L. 91-524, title X, § 1001, as added Pub. L. 93-86, § 1(28), Aug. 10, 1973, 87 Stat. 241; amended Pub. L. 93-125, § 1(g)(i), Oct. 18, 1973, 87 Stat. 450; Pub. L. 99-198, title XIII, § 1318(b)(2), Dec. 23, 1985, 99 Stat. 1531, related to establishment and purpose of program, contracting and purchasing authority of Secretary, and

maintenance of continuing and stable supply of agricultural commodities and forest products.

Section 1502, Pub. L. 91-524, title X, § 1002, as added Pub. L. 93-86, § 1(28), Aug. 10, 1973, 87 Stat. 242, required eligible landowners and operators to furnish plan of farming operations or land use to Secretary.

Section 1503, Pub. L. 91-524, title X, § 1003, as added Pub. L. 93-86, § 1(28), Aug. 10, 1973, 87 Stat. 242; amended Pub. L. 93-125, § 1(g)(i), Oct. 18, 1973, 87 Stat. 450, related to approved conservation plans as basis for contracts, duties under contracts, and termination or modification of contracts.

Section 1504, Pub. L. 91-524, title X, § 1004, as added Pub. L. 93-86, § 1(28), Aug. 10, 1973, 87 Stat. 243, authorized furnishing of conservation materials to eligible owners and operators.

Section 1505, Pub. L. 91-524, title X, § 1005, as added Pub. L. 93-86, § 1(28), Aug. 10, 1973, 87 Stat. 243; amended Pub. L. 95-113, title XV, § 1509, Sept. 29, 1977, 91 Stat. 1022, authorized establishment of multiyear set-aside contracts.

Section 1506, Pub. L. 91-524, title X, § 1006, as added Pub. L. 93-86, § 1(28), Aug. 10, 1973, 87 Stat. 244, authorized issuance of rules and regulations as well as limitations on total retired acreage.

Section 1507, Pub. L. 91-524, title X, § 1007, as added Pub. L. 93-86, § 1(28), Aug. 10, 1973, 87 Stat. 244; amended Pub. L. 93-125, § 1(g)(ii), Oct. 18, 1973, 87 Stat. 450, directed appointment of advisory boards to assist in development of programs under this chapter.

Section 1508, Pub. L. 91-524, title X, § 1008, as added Pub. L. 93-86, § 1(28), Aug. 10, 1973, 87 Stat. 244, directed coordination with and utilization of Federal, State, and local services and facilities to carry out programs and plans.

§ 1509. Repealed. Pub. L. 95-313, § 16(a)(7), formerly § 13(a)(7), July 1, 1978, 92 Stat. 374; renumbered § 16(a)(7), Pub. L. 101-624, title XII, § 1215(1), Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 3525

Section, Pub. L. 91-524, title X, § 1009, as added Pub. L. 93-86, § 1(28), Aug. 10, 1973, 87 Stat. 245, set forth provisions relating to establishment, funding requirements, etc., for the forestry incentives program.

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

EFFECTIVE DATE OF REPEAL

Section repealed effective Oct. 1, 1978, see section 17 of Pub. L. 95-313, set out as an Effective Date note under section 2101 of this title.

§ 1510. Repealed. Pub. L. 104-127, title III, § 336(d)(1), Apr. 4, 1996, 110 Stat. 1006

Section, Pub. L. 91-524, title X, § 1010, as added Pub. L. 93-86, § 1(28), Aug. 10, 1973, 87 Stat. 245; amended Pub. L. 95-313, § 16(a)(7), formerly § 13(a)(7), July 1, 1978, 92 Stat. 374, renumbered § 16(a)(7), Pub. L. 101-624, title XII, § 1215(1), Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 3525, related to authorization of appropriations as well as construction and continuation of programs, contracts, and authorities.

CHAPTER 35—ENDANGERED SPECIES

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§ 1531. Congressional findings and declaration of purposes and policy

(a) Findings

The Congress finds and declares that—

(1) various species of fish, wildlife, and plants in the United States have been rendered extinct as a consequence of economic growth and development untempered by adequate concern and conservation;

(2) other species of fish, wildlife, and plants have been so depleted in numbers that they are in danger of or threatened with extinction;

(3) these species of fish, wildlife, and plants are of esthetic, ecological, educational, historical, recreational, and scientific value to the Nation and its people;

(4) the United States has pledged itself as a sovereign state in the international community to conserve to the extent practicable the various species of fish or wildlife and plants facing extinction, pursuant to—

(A) migratory bird treaties with Canada and Mexico;

(B) the Migratory and Endangered Bird Treaty with Japan;

(C) the Convention on Nature Protection and Wildlife Preservation in the Western Hemisphere;

(D) the International Convention for the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries;

(E) the International Convention for the High Seas Fisheries of the North Pacific Ocean;

(F) the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora; and

(G) other international agreements; and

(5) encouraging the States and other interested parties, through Federal financial assistance and a system of incentives, to develop and maintain conservation programs which meet national and international standards is a key to meeting the Nation's international commitments and to better safeguarding, for the benefit of all citizens, the Nation's heritage in fish, wildlife, and plants.

(b) Purposes

The purposes of this chapter are to provide a means whereby the ecosystems upon which endangered species and threatened species depend may be conserved, to provide a program for the conservation of such endangered species and threatened species, and to take such steps as may be appropriate to achieve the purposes of the treaties and conventions set forth in subsection (a) of this section.

(c) Policy

(1) It is further declared to be the policy of Congress that all Federal departments and agencies shall seek to conserve endangered species and threatened species and shall utilize their au-