

tive expenses necessary to carry out this chapter.

(c) Investment of amounts

(1) In general

The Secretary of the Treasury shall invest such portion of the Fund as is not, in the judgment of the Secretary of the Treasury, required to meet current withdrawals. Investments may be made only in interest-bearing obligations of the United States.

(2) Acquisition of obligations

For the purpose of investments under paragraph (1), obligations may be acquired—

- (A) on original issue at the issue price; or
- (B) by purchase of outstanding obligations at the market price.

(3) Sale of obligations

Any obligation acquired by the Fund may be sold by the Secretary of the Treasury at the market price.

(4) Credits to Fund

The interest on, and the proceeds from the sale or redemption of, any obligations held in the Fund shall be credited to and form a part of the Fund.

(d) Transfers of amounts

(1) In general

The amounts required to be transferred to the Fund under this section shall be transferred at least monthly from the general fund of the Treasury to the Fund on the basis of estimates made by the Secretary of the Treasury.

(2) Adjustments

Proper adjustment shall be made in amounts subsequently transferred to the extent prior estimates were in excess of or less than the amounts required to be transferred.

(e) Acceptance and use of donations

The Secretary may accept and use donations to provide assistance under section 6303 of this title. Amounts received by the Secretary in the form of donations shall be transferred to the Secretary of the Treasury for deposit into the Fund.

(Pub. L. 106-411, § 5, Nov. 1, 2000, 114 Stat. 1793; Pub. L. 109-363, title VII, § 702, Oct. 17, 2006, 120 Stat. 2082; Pub. L. 116-9, title VII, § 7001(c)(2)(C), Mar. 12, 2019, 133 Stat. 785.)

Editorial Notes

AMENDMENTS

2019—Subsec. (b)(2). Pub. L. 116-9 substituted “\$150,000” for “\$100,000”.

2006—Subsec. (b)(2). Pub. L. 109-363 substituted “expand” for “expand” and “\$100,000” for “\$80,000”.

§ 6305. Authorization of appropriations

There are authorized to be appropriated to the Fund \$5,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2025 through 2029.

(Pub. L. 106-411, § 6, Nov. 1, 2000, 114 Stat. 1794; Pub. L. 109-363, title VII, § 703, Oct. 17, 2006, 120 Stat. 2082; Pub. L. 116-9, title VII, § 7001(c)(2)(D),

Mar. 12, 2019, 133 Stat. 785; Pub. L. 118-159, div. E, title LIII, § 5306(b), Dec. 23, 2024, 138 Stat. 2446.)

Editorial Notes

AMENDMENTS

2024—Pub. L. 118-159 substituted “2025 through 2029” for “2019 through 2023”.

2019—Pub. L. 116-9 substituted “2019 through 2023” for “2006 through 2010”.

2006—Pub. L. 109-363 substituted “fiscal years 2006 through 2010” for “fiscal years 2001 through 2005”.

CHAPTER 83—CORAL REEF CONSERVATION

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§ 6401. Purposes

The purposes of this chapter are—

(1) to conserve and restore the condition of United States coral reef ecosystems challenged by natural and human-accelerated changes, including increasing ocean temperatures, changing ocean chemistry, coral bleaching, coral diseases, water quality degradation, invasive species, and illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing;

(2) to promote the science-based management and sustainable use of coral reef ecosystems to benefit local communities and the Nation, including through improved integration and cooperation among Federal and non-Federal stakeholders responsible for managing coral reef resources;

(3) to develop sound scientific information on the condition of coral reef ecosystems, continuing and emerging threats to such ecosystems, and the efficacy of innovative tools, technologies, and strategies to mitigate stressors and restore such ecosystems, including evaluation criteria to determine the effectiveness of management interventions, and accurate mapping for coral reef restoration;

(4) to assist in the preservation of coral reefs by supporting science-based, consensus-driven, and community-based coral reef management by covered States and covered Native entities, including monitoring, conservation, and restoration projects that empower local communities, small businesses, and nongovernmental organizations;

(5) to provide financial resources, technical assistance, and scientific expertise to supplement, complement, and strengthen community-based management programs and conservation and restoration projects of non-Federal reefs;