

(B) Federal agencies specified

A Federal agency specified in this subparagraph is one of the following:

- (i) The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.
- (ii) The National Park Service.
- (iii) The United States Fish and Wildlife Service.
- (iv) The Office of Insular Affairs.

(14) Institution of higher education

The term “institution of higher education” has the meaning given that term in section 1001 of title 20.

(15) Interested stakeholder groups

The term “interested stakeholder groups” means any of the following with interest in an applicable coral reef or ecologically significant unit of a coral reef:

- (A) A business.
- (B) A commercial or recreational fisherman.
- (C) A recreationalist.
- (D) A Federal, State, Tribal, or local government unit with related jurisdiction.
- (E) An institution of higher education (as such term is defined in section 1001(a) of title 20.¹)
- (F) A nongovernmental organization.

(16) National Coral Reef Resilience Strategy

The term “National Coral Reef Resilience Strategy” means the National Coral Reef Resilience Strategy in effect under section 6403 of this title.

(17) Native entity

The term “Native entity” means any of the following:

- (A) An Indian Tribe (as defined in section 5304 of title 25).
- (B) An Alaska Native Corporation.
- (C) The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.
- (D) The Office of Hawaiian Affairs.
- (E) A Native Hawaiian organization (as defined in section 7517 of title 20).

(18) Nonprofit organization

The term “nonprofit organization” means any corporation, trust, association, cooperative, or other organization, not including an institution of higher education, that—

- (A) is operated primarily for scientific, educational, service, charitable, or similar purposes in the public interest;
- (B) is not organized primarily for profit; and
- (C) uses net proceeds to maintain, improve, or expand the operations of the organization.

(19) Restoration

The term “restoration” means the use of methods and procedures necessary to enhance, rehabilitate, recreate, or create a functioning coral reef or coral reef ecosystem, in whole or in part, within suitable waters of the historical geographic range of such ecosystems, to

provide ecological, economic, cultural, or coastal resiliency services associated with healthy coral reefs and benefit native populations of coral reef organisms.

(20) Resilience

The term “resilience” means the capacity for corals within their native range, coral reefs, or coral reef ecosystems to resist and recover from natural and human disturbances, and maintain structure and function to provide coral reef ecosystem services, as determined by clearly identifiable, measurable, and science-based standards.

(21) Secretary

The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of Commerce.

(22) State

The term “State” means—

- (A) any State of the United States that contains a coral reef ecosystem within its seaward boundaries;
- (B) American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Guam, Puerto Rico, or the United States Virgin Islands; or
- (C) any other territory or possession of the United States or separate sovereign in free association with the United States that contains a coral reef ecosystem within its seaward boundaries.

(23) Stewardship

The term “stewardship”, with respect to a coral reef, includes conservation, restoration, and public outreach and education.

(24) Task Force

The term “Task Force” means the United States Coral Reef Task Force established under section 6451 of this title.

(Pub. L. 106-562, title II, §216, as added Pub. L. 117-263, div. J, title C, §10001(a), Dec. 23, 2022, 136 Stat. 3948.)

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SUBCHAPTER I—UNITED STATES CORAL REEF TASK FORCE

§ 6451. Establishment

There is established a task force to lead, coordinate, and strengthen Federal Government

¹ So in original. A closing parenthesis probably should precede the period.

actions to better preserve, conserve, and restore coral reef ecosystems, to be known as the “United States Coral Reef Task Force” (in this subchapter referred to as the “Task Force”).

(Pub. L. 117–263, div. J, title C, §10011, Dec. 23, 2022, 136 Stat. 3951.)

§ 6452. Duties

The duties of the Task Force shall be—

(1) to coordinate, in cooperation with covered States, covered Native entities, Federal reef managers, covered reef managers, coral reef research centers designated under section 6411(b) of this title (as added by this division), and other nongovernmental and academic partners as appropriate, activities regarding the mapping, monitoring, research, conservation, mitigation, and restoration of coral reefs and coral reef ecosystems;

(2) to monitor and advise regarding implementation of the policy and Federal agency responsibilities set forth in—

(A) Executive Order 13089 (63 Fed. Reg. 32701; relating to coral reef protection); and

(B) the National Coral Reef Resilience Strategy;

(3) to work in coordination with the other members of the Task Force—

(A) to assess the United States role in international trade and protection of coral species;

(B) to encourage implementation of appropriate strategies and actions to promote conservation and sustainable use of coral reef resources worldwide; and

(C) to collaborate with international communities successful in managing coral reefs;

(4) to provide technical assistance for the development and implementation, as appropriate, of—

(A) the National Coral Reef Resilience Strategy; and

(B) coral reef action plans under section 6404 of this title; and

(5) to produce a report each year, for submission to the appropriate congressional committees and publication on the public website of the Task Force, highlighting the status of the coral reef resources of a covered State on a rotating basis, including—

(A) a summary of recent coral reef management and restoration activities undertaken in that State; and

(B) updated estimates of the direct and indirect economic activity supported by, and other benefits associated with, those coral reef resources.

(Pub. L. 117–263, div. J, title C, §10012, Dec. 23, 2022, 136 Stat. 3952.)

Editorial Notes

REFERENCES IN TEXT

This division, referred to in par. (1), is div. J of Pub. L. 117–263, Dec. 23, 2022, 136 Stat. 3930. For complete classification of div. J to the Code, see Tables.

Executive Order 13089, referred to in par. (2)(A), is Ex. Ord. No. 13089, June 11, 1998, 63 F.R. 32701, which is set out as a note under section 6401 of this title.

Section 6404 of this title, referred to in par. (4)(B), was in the original “section 205 of that Act” and was translated as meaning section 205 of title II of Pub. L. 106–562, known as the Coral Reef Conservation Act of 2000, to reflect the probable intent of Congress.

§ 6453. Membership

(a) Voting membership

The voting members of the Task Force shall be—

(1) the Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere and the Secretary of Interior, who shall be co-chairpersons of the Task Force;

(2) such representatives from other Federal agencies as the President, in consultation with the Under Secretary, determines appropriate; and

(3) the Governor, or a representative of the Governor, of each covered State.

(b) Nonvoting members

The Task Force shall have the following nonvoting members:

(1) A member of the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council who is designated by the Governor of Florida under section 1852(b)(1) of this title.

(2) A member of the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council who is designated by the Governor of Florida under such section.

(3) A member of the Western Pacific Fishery Management Council who is designated under such section and selected as follows:

(A) For the period beginning on December 23, 2022, and ending on December 31 of the calendar year during which such date occurs, the member shall be selected jointly by the Governors of Hawaii, American Samoa, Guam, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

(B) For each calendar year thereafter, the Governors of Hawaii, American Samoa, Guam, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands shall, on a rotating basis, take turns selecting the member.

(4) A member of the Caribbean Fishery Management Council who is designated under such section and selected as follows:

(A) For the period beginning on December 23, 2022, and ending on December 31 of the calendar year during which such date occurs, the member shall be selected jointly by the Governors of Puerto Rico and the United States Virgin Islands.

(B) For each calendar year thereafter, the Governors of Puerto Rico and the United States Virgin Islands shall, on an alternating basis, take turns selecting the member.

(5) A member appointed by the President of the Federated States of Micronesia.

(6) A member appointed by the President of the Republic of the Marshall Islands.

(7) A member appointed by the President of the Republic of Palau.

(Pub. L. 117–263, div. J, title C, §10013, Dec. 23, 2022, 136 Stat. 3952.)