

(2) coral reef action plans in effect under section 205 of the Coral Reef Conservation Act of 2000 [16 U.S.C. 6404], as added by this division, as applicable.

(b) Coral Reef Initiative

The Secretary may establish a Coral Reef Initiative Program—

(1) to provide grant funding to support local management, conservation, and protection of coral reef ecosystems in—

- (A) coastal areas of covered States; and
- (B) Freely Associated States;

(2) to enhance resource availability of National Park Service and National Wildlife Refuge System management units to implement coral reef conservation and restoration activities;

(3) to complement the other conservation and assistance activities conducted under this Act or the Coral Reef Conservation Act of 2000 [16 U.S.C. 6401 et seq.], as amended by section 10001; and

(4) to provide other technical, scientific, and financial assistance and conduct conservation and restoration activities that advance the purposes of this title and the Coral Reef Conservation Act of 2000, as amended by this division.

(c) Consultation with the Department of Commerce

(1) Coral reef conservation and restoration activities

The Secretary of the Interior may consult with the Secretary of Commerce regarding the conduct of any activities to conserve and restore coral reefs and coral reef ecosystems in waters managed under the jurisdiction of the Federal agencies specified in paragraphs (2) and (3) of section 203(c) of the Coral Reef Conservation Act of 2000 [16 U.S.C. 6402(c)(2), (3)], as added by this division.

(2) Award of Coral Reef Management Fellowship

The Secretary of the Interior shall consult with the Secretary of Commerce to award the Susan L. Williams Coral Reef Management Fellowship under subchapter III of this chapter.

(d) Cooperative agreements

Subject to the availability of appropriations, the Secretary of the Interior may enter into cooperative agreements with covered reef managers to fund coral reef conservation and restoration activities in waters managed under the jurisdiction of such managers that—

- (1) are consistent with the National Coral Reef Resilience Strategy; and
- (2) support and enhance the success of coral reef action plans in effect under section 205 of the Coral Reef Conservation Act of 2000 [16 U.S.C. 6404], as added by this division.

(e) Definitions

In this section:

(1) Conservation, coral, coral reef, etc.

The terms “conservation”, “coral reef”, “covered reef manager”, “covered State”,

“National Coral Reef Resilience Strategy”, “restoration”, and “State” have the meanings given those terms in section 216 of the Coral Reef Conservation Act of 2000 [16 U.S.C. 6415], as added by this division.

(2) Tribe; Tribal

The terms “Tribe” and “Tribal” refer to Indian Tribes (as defined in section 5130 of title 25).

(Pub. L. 117-263, div. J, title C, §10021, Dec. 23, 2022, 136 Stat. 3954.)

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REFERENCES IN TEXT

This division, referred to in subsecs. (a)(2), (b)(4), (c)(1), (d)(2), and (e)(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.

This Act, referred to in subsec. (b)(3), is Pub. L. 117-263, Dec. 23, 2022, 136 Stat. 2395, known as the James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Tables.

The Coral Reef Conservation Act of 2000, referred to in subsec. (b)(3), (4), is Pub. L. 106-562, title II, §201, Dec. 23, 2000, 114 Stat. 2800, which is classified generally to chapter 83 (§6401 et seq.) of this title. The Act was amended by section 10001 of div. J of Pub. L. 117-263, Dec. 23, 2022, 136 Stat. 3931. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 6401 of this title and Tables.

This title, referred to in subsec. (b)(4), means title C of division J of Pub. L. 117-263, which enacted this chapter and sections 6401 to 6415 of this title, amended section 7504 of this title, repealed sections 6401 to 6409 of this title, and enacted provisions set out as a note under section 6401 of this title. For complete classification of title C to the Code, see Tables.

SUBCHAPTER III—SUSAN L. WILLIAMS NATIONAL CORAL REEF MANAGEMENT FELLOWSHIP

§ 6481. Susan L. Williams National Coral Reef Management Fellowship

(a) Definitions

In this section:

(1) Alaska Native Corporation

The term “Alaska Native Corporation” has the meaning given the term “Native Corporation” in section 1602 of title 43.

(2) Fellow

The term “fellow” means a National Coral Reef Management Fellow.

(3) Fellowship

The term “fellowship” means the National Coral Reef Management Fellowship established in subsection (c).

(4) Covered Native entity

The term “covered Native entity” has the meaning given the term in section 6415 of this title, as added by this division.

(5) Covered State

The term “covered State” has the meaning given the term in section 6415 of this title, as added by this division.

(6) Native entity

The term “Native entity” has the meaning given the term in section 6415 of this title, as added by this division.

(7) Secretary

The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of Commerce.

(b) Establishment of fellowship program

(1) In general

There is established a National Coral Reef Management Fellowship Program.

(2) Purposes

The purposes of the fellowship are—

(A) to encourage future leaders of the United States to develop additional coral reef management capacity in States and local communities with coral reefs;

(B) to provide management agencies of covered States and covered Native entities with highly qualified candidates whose education and work experience meet the specific needs of each covered State or covered Native entity; and

(C) to provide fellows with professional experience in management of coastal and coral reef resources.

(c) Fellowship awards

(1) In general

The Secretary, in consultation with the Secretary of the Interior, shall award a fellowship in accordance with this subsection.

(2) Term of fellowship

A fellowship awarded under this subsection shall be for a term of not more than 2 years.

(3) Qualifications

The Secretary, in consultation with the Secretary of the Interior, shall award a fellowship to individuals who have demonstrated—

(A) an intent to pursue a career in marine services and outstanding potential for such a career;

(B) leadership potential, actual leadership experience, or both;

(C) possession of a college or graduate degree in biological science, a college or graduate degree in resource management with experience that correlates with aptitude and interest for marine management, or both;

(D) proficient writing and speaking skills; and

(E) such other attributes as the Secretary, in consultation with the Secretary of the Interior, considers appropriate.

(d) Matching requirement

(1) In general

Except as provided in paragraph (2), the non-Federal share of the costs of a fellowship under this section shall be 25 percent of such costs.

(2) Waiver of matching requirement

The Secretary may waive the application of paragraph (1) to a fellowship if the Secretary finds that such waiver is necessary to support a project that the Secretary has identified as a high priority.

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REFERENCES IN TEXT

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§ 6501. Purposes

The purposes of this chapter are—