

ment 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 6603 of this title. Amounts received by the Secretary in the form of donations shall be transferred to the Secretary of the Treasury for deposit in the Fund.

(Pub. L. 108–266, § 5, July 2, 2004, 118 Stat. 794; Pub. L. 116–9, title VII, § 7001(c)(3)(D), Mar. 12, 2019, 133 Stat. 788.)

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AMENDMENTS

2019—Subsec. (a)(2). Pub. L. 116–9, § 7001(c)(3)(D)(i), substituted “section 6606(a)” for “section 6605”.

Subsec. (b)(2). Pub. L. 116–9, § 7001(c)(3)(D)(ii), substituted “5 percent, or up to \$150,000” for “3 percent, or up to \$80,000”.

**§ 6605. Advisory group**

**(a) In general**

To assist in carrying out this chapter, the Secretary may convene an advisory group consisting of individuals representing public and private organizations actively involved in the conservation of marine turtles, freshwater turtles, or tortoises.

**(b) Public participation**

**(1) Meetings**

The Advisory Group<sup>1</sup> shall—

(A) ensure that each meeting of the advisory group is open to the public; and

(B) provide, at each meeting, an opportunity for interested persons to present oral or written statements concerning items on the agenda.

**(2) Notice**

The Secretary shall provide to the public timely notice of each meeting of the advisory group.

**(3) Minutes**

Minutes of each meeting of the advisory group shall be kept by the Secretary and shall be made available to the public.

**(c) Exemption from chapter 10 of title 5**

Chapter 10 of title 5 shall not apply to the advisory group.

(Pub. L. 108–266, § 6, July 2, 2004, 118 Stat. 795; Pub. L. 116–9, title VII, § 7001(c)(3)(E), Mar. 12, 2019, 133 Stat. 788; Pub. L. 117–286, § 4(a)(131), Dec. 27, 2022, 136 Stat. 4320.)

**Editorial Notes**

AMENDMENTS

2022—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 117–286 substituted “chapter 10 of title 5” for “Federal Advisory Committee Act” in heading and “Chapter 10 of title 5” for “The Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.)” in text.

2019—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 116–9 inserted “, freshwater turtles, or tortoises” after “marine turtles”.

**§ 6606. Authorization of appropriations**

**(a) In general**

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

**(b) Allocation**

Of the amounts made available for each fiscal year pursuant to subsection (a)—

(1) not less than \$1,510,000 shall be used by the Secretary for marine turtle conservation purposes in accordance with this chapter; and

(2) of the amounts in excess of the amount described in paragraph (1), not less than 40 percent shall be used by the Secretary for freshwater turtle and tortoise conservation purposes in accordance with this chapter.

(Pub. L. 108–266, § 7, July 2, 2004, 118 Stat. 795; Pub. L. 116–9, title VII, § 7001(c)(3)(F), Mar. 12, 2019, 133 Stat. 788; Pub. L. 118–159, div. E, title LIII, § 5307(b), Dec. 23, 2024, 138 Stat. 2446.)

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AMENDMENTS

2024—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 118–159 substituted “2025 through 2029” for “2019 through 2023”.

2019—Pub. L. 116–9 amended section generally. Prior to amendment, text read as follows: “There is authorized to be appropriated to the Fund \$5,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2005 through 2009.”

**§ 6607. Report to Congress**

Not later than October 1, 2005, the Secretary shall submit to the Congress a report on the results and effectiveness of the program carried out under this chapter, including recommenda-

<sup>1</sup> So in original. Probably should not be capitalized.