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§ 941. Findings

Congress finds that—

(1) the Great Lakes have fish and wildlife communities that are structurally and functionally changing;

(2) successful fish and wildlife management focuses on the lakes as ecosystems, and effective management requires the coordination and integration of efforts of many partners;

(3) additional actions and better coordination are needed to protect and effectively manage the fish and wildlife resources, and the habitats on which the resources depend, in the Great Lakes Basin; and

(4) this chapter allows Federal agencies, States, and Indian tribes to work in an effective partnership by providing the funding for restoration work.

(Pub. L. 101-537, title I, §1002, as added Pub. L. 114-322, title III, §3901(b), Dec. 16, 2016, 130 Stat. 1848.)

Editorial Notes

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 941, Pub. L. 101-537, title I, §1002, Nov. 8, 1990, 104 Stat. 2370; Pub. L. 101-646, title II, §2002, Nov. 29, 1990, 104 Stat. 4773; Pub. L. 104-332, §2(h)(1), Oct. 26, 1996, 110 Stat. 4091; Pub. L. 105-265, §3(b), Oct. 19, 1998, 112 Stat. 2358, related to Congressional findings, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 114-322, title III, §3901(b), Dec. 16, 2016, 130 Stat. 1848.

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

SHORT TITLE OF 2022 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 117-287, §1, Dec. 27, 2022, 136 Stat. 4363, provided that: “This Act [amending sections 941f and 941g of this title] may be cited as the ‘Great Lakes Fish and Wildlife Restoration Reauthorization Act of 2022’.”

SHORT TITLE OF 2006 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 109-326, §1, Oct. 11, 2006, 120 Stat. 1761, provided that: “This Act [amending sections 941b to 941g of this title and enacting provisions set out as notes under this section] may be cited as the ‘Great Lakes Fish and Wildlife Restoration Act of 2006’.”

SHORT TITLE OF 1998 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 105-265, §1, Oct. 19, 1998, 112 Stat. 2358, provided that: “This Act [amending this section and sections 941 to 941g of this title and enacting provisions set out as a note under this section] may be cited as the ‘Great Lakes Fish and Wildlife Restoration Act of 1998’.”

SHORT TITLE

Pub. L. 101-537, title I, §1001, Nov. 8, 1990, 104 Stat. 2370, and Pub. L. 101-646, title II, §2001, Nov. 29, 1990, 104 Stat. 4773, as amended by Pub. L. 104-332, §2(h)(1), Oct. 26, 1996, 110 Stat. 4091, provided that: “This title [enacting this chapter] may be cited as the ‘Great Lakes Fish and Wildlife Restoration Act of 1990’.” Title II of Pub. L. 101-646 was repealed by Pub. L. 105-265, §3(b), Oct. 19, 1998, 112 Stat. 2358.

CONTINUED MONITORING AND ASSESSMENT OF STUDY FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Pub. L. 109-326, §8, Oct. 11, 2006, 120 Stat. 1766, which required the Director of the United States Fish and

Wildlife Service to monitor fish and wildlife resources of the Great Lakes Basin and to update findings and recommendations of the Great Lakes Fishery Resources Restoration Study, was repealed by Pub. L. 114-322, title III, §3901(h), Dec. 16, 2016, 130 Stat. 1851.

CONGRESSIONAL FINDINGS

Pub. L. 109-326, §2, Oct. 11, 2006, 120 Stat. 1761, provided that: “Congress finds that—

“(1) the Great Lakes have fish and wildlife communities that are structurally and functionally changing;

“(2) successful fish and wildlife management focuses on the lakes as ecosystems, and effective management requires the coordination and integration of efforts of many partners;

“(3) it is in the national interest to undertake activities in the Great Lakes Basin that support sustainable fish and wildlife resources of common concern provided under the recommendations of the Great Lakes Regional Collaboration authorized under Executive Order 13340 (69 Fed. Reg. 29043; relating to the Great Lakes Interagency Task Force) [33 U.S.C. 1268 note];

“(4) additional actions and better coordination are needed to protect and effectively manage the fish and wildlife resources, and the habitats upon which the resources depend, in the Great Lakes Basin;

“(5) as of the date of enactment of this Act [Oct. 11, 2006], actions are not funded that are considered essential to meet the goals and objectives in managing the fish and wildlife resources, and the habitats upon which the resources depend, in the Great Lakes Basin; and

“(6) the Great Lakes Fish and Wildlife Restoration Act [of 1990] (16 U.S.C. 941 et seq.) allows Federal agencies, States, and tribes to work in an effective partnership by providing the funding for restoration work.”

Pub. L. 105-265, §2, Oct. 19, 1998, 112 Stat. 2358, provided that: “Congress finds that—

“(1) the Great Lakes Fishery Resources Restoration Study, for which a report was submitted to Congress in 1995, was a comprehensive study of the status, and the assessment, management, and restoration needs, of the fishery resources of the Great Lakes Basin, and was conducted through the joint effort of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, State fish and wildlife resource management agencies, Indian tribes, and the Great Lakes Fishery Commission; and

“(2) the study—

“(A) found that, although State, Provincial, Native American Tribal, and Federal agencies have made significant progress toward the goal of restoring a healthy fish community to the Great Lakes Basin, additional actions and better coordination are needed to protect and effectively manage the fisheries and related resources in the Great Lakes Basin; and

“(B) recommended actions that are not currently funded but are considered essential to meet goals and objectives in managing the resources of the Great Lakes Basin.”

§ 941a. Purpose

The purposes of this chapter are—

(1) to develop and implement proposals for the restoration of fish and wildlife resources in the Great Lakes Basin; and

(2) to provide assistance to the Great Lakes Fisheries Commission, States, Indian Tribes, and other interested entities to encourage cooperative conservation, restoration and management of the fish and wildlife resources and their habitat in the Great Lakes Basin.

(Pub. L. 101-537, title I, §1003, Nov. 8, 1990, 104 Stat. 2371; Pub. L. 101-646, title II, §2003, Nov. 29,

1990, 104 Stat. 4774; Pub. L. 104-332, §2(h)(1), Oct. 26, 1996, 110 Stat. 4091; Pub. L. 105-265, §§3(b), 4, Oct. 19, 1998, 112 Stat. 2358.)

Editorial Notes

CODIFICATION

Title I of Pub. L. 101-537 and title II of Pub. L. 101-646 enacted identical sections. Title II of Pub. L. 101-646 was repealed by Pub. L. 105-265, §3(b).

AMENDMENTS

1998—Pub. L. 105-265, §4(1), made technical amendment to reference in original act which appears in introductory provisions as reference to this chapter.

Par. (1). Pub. L. 105-265, §4(4), added par. (1) and struck out former par. (1) which read as follows: “to develop proposals to implement recommendations resulting from that study; and”.

Pub. L. 105-265, §4(2), (3), redesignated par. (2) as (1) and struck out former par. (1) which read as follows: “to carry out a comprehensive study of the status, and the assessment, management, and restoration needs, of the fishery resources of the Great Lakes Basin;”.

Pars. (2), (3). Pub. L. 105-265, §4(3), (5), redesignated par. (3) as (2) and substituted “habitat in” for “habitat of”. Former par. (2) redesignated (1).

1996—Pub. L. 104-332 made technical amendment to Pub. L. 101-646, §2003, which enacted this section.

§ 941b. Definitions

In this chapter—

(1) the term “Committee” means the Great Lakes Fish and Wildlife Restoration Proposal Review Committee established by section 941c(c) of this title;

(2) the term “Director” means the Director of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service;

(3) the term “Great Lakes Basin” means the air, land, water, and living organisms within the drainage basin of the Saint Lawrence River at or upstream from the point at which the river becomes the international boundary between Canada and the United States;

(4) the term “Indian Tribe” means any Indian tribe, band, village, nation, or other organized group or community that is recognized by the Bureau of Indian Affairs as eligible for the special programs and services provided by the United States to Indians because of their status as Indians, and that has Great Lakes fish and wildlife management authority in the Great Lakes Basin;

(5) the term “lower Great Lakes” means the region in which is located that portion of the Great Lakes Basin which is downstream from the confluence of the Saint Clair River and Lake Huron near Port Huron, Michigan;

(6) the term “non-Federal source” includes a State government, local government, Indian tribe, other non-Federal governmental entity, private entity, and individual;

(7) the term “nonindigenous species” means a species of plant, animal, or other organism that did not occur in the Great Lakes Basin before European colonization of North America;

(8) the term “regional project” means authorized activities of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service related to fish and wildlife resource protection, restoration, maintenance, and enhancement impacting multiple States or Indian Tribes with fish and wildlife

management authority in the Great Lakes basin;

(9) the term “Report” means the United States Fish and Wildlife Service report entitled “Great Lakes Fishery Resources Restoration Study”, submitted to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives on September 13, 1995;

(10) the term “restoration” means rehabilitation and maintenance of the structure, function, diversity, and dynamics of a biological system, including reestablishment of self-sustaining populations of fish and wildlife;

(11) the term “State Director” means the head of the agency, department, board, commission, or other governmental entity of each of the States of New York, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania which is responsible for the management and conservation of the fish and wildlife resources of that State; and

(12) the term “upper Great Lakes” means that portion of the Great Lakes Basin which is upstream from the confluence of the Saint Clair River and Lake Huron near Port Huron, Michigan.

(Pub. L. 101-537, title I, §1004, Nov. 8, 1990, 104 Stat. 2371; Pub. L. 101-646, title II, §2004, Nov. 29, 1990, 104 Stat. 4774; Pub. L. 104-332, §2(h)(1), Oct. 26, 1996, 110 Stat. 4091; Pub. L. 105-265, §§3(b), 5, Oct. 19, 1998, 112 Stat. 2358, 2359; Pub. L. 109-326, §3, Oct. 11, 2006, 120 Stat. 1761.)

Editorial Notes

CODIFICATION

Title I of Pub. L. 101-537 and title II of Pub. L. 101-646 enacted substantially identical sections. Title II of Pub. L. 101-646 was repealed by Pub. L. 105-265, §3(b).

AMENDMENTS

2006—Pars. (1) to (3). Pub. L. 109-326, §3(1), (2), redesignated pars. (2), (3), and (5) as (1) to (3), respectively, and struck out former par. (1) which defined the term “Administrator”.

Par. (4). Pub. L. 109-326, §3(3), inserted before semicolon at end “, and that has Great Lakes fish and wildlife management authority in the Great Lakes Basin”.

Pub. L. 109-326, §3(1), (2), redesignated par. (6) as (4) and struck out former par. (4) which defined the term “fish stock”.

Pars. (5) to (7). Pub. L. 109-326, §3(2), redesignated pars. (7) to (9) as (5) to (7), respectively.

Par. (8). Pub. L. 109-326, §3(2), (4), added par. (8) and redesignated former par. (8) as (6).

Pars. (9) to (14). Pub. L. 109-326, §3(1), (2), redesignated pars. (10), (11), (13), and (14) as (9) to (12), respectively, and struck out former par. (12) which defined the term “Secretary”.

1998—Pub. L. 105-265, §5(1), made technical amendment to reference in original act which appears in introductory provisions as reference to this chapter.

Pars. (2) to (7). Pub. L. 105-265, §5(2), (5), added par. (2) and redesignated former pars. (2) to (6) as (3) to (7), respectively. Former par. (7) redesignated (14).

Par. (8). Pub. L. 105-265, §5(6), added par. (8). Former par. (8) redesignated (9).

Par. (9). Pub. L. 105-265, §5(2), (4), redesignated par. (8) as (9) and substituted “plant, animal, or other organism” for “plant or animal”. Former par. (9) redesignated (12).

Pars. (10), (11). Pub. L. 105-265, §5(7), added pars. (10) and (11). Former par. (10) redesignated (13).