

1990, 104 Stat. 4777; 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; Pub. L. 109-326, §6, Oct. 11, 2006, 120 Stat. 1764; Pub. L. 114-322, title III, §3901(d), Dec. 16, 2016, 130 Stat. 1850.)

#### 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 L. 101-646 was repealed by Pub.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.

##### AMENDMENTS

2016—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 114-322, §3901(d)(3), (4), redesignated subsec. (b) as (a) and struck out former subsec. (a) which related to establishment of the Great Lakes Coordination Office.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 114-322, §3901(d)(4), redesignated subsec. (c) as (b). Former subsec. (b) redesignated (a).

Pub. L. 114-322, §3901(d)(1), substituted “Fish and Wildlife Conservation” for “Fishery Resources” in heading and in pars. (2) and (3).

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 114-322, §3901(d)(4), redesignated subsec. (c) as (b).

Pub. L. 114-322, §3901(d)(2), substituted “Fish and Wildlife Conservation” for “Fishery Resources” in heading and in pars. (2) and (3).

2006—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 109-326, §6(1), added subsec. (a) and struck out former subsec. (a). Text read as follows: “The Director shall establish a centrally located facility for the coordination of all United States Fish and Wildlife Service activities in the Great Lakes Basin, to be known as the ‘Great Lakes Coordination Office’. The functional responsibilities of the Great Lakes Coordination Office shall include intra- and interagency coordination, information distribution, and public awareness outreach. The Great Lakes Coordination Office shall include all administrative and technical support necessary to carry out its responsibilities.”

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 109-326, §6(2), designated first and second sentences of subsec. (b) as pars. (1) and (2), respectively, inserted headings, and added par. (3).

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 109-326, §6(3), designated first and second sentences of subsec. (c) as pars. (1) and (2), respectively, inserted headings, and added par. (3).

1996—Pub. L. 104-332 made technical amendment to Pub. L. 101-646, §2007, which enacted this section.

#### § 941f. Reports

##### (a) In general

Not later than December 31, 2021, and not later than December 31, 2027, the Director shall submit to the Committee on Natural Resources of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Environment and Public Works of the Senate a report that describes, with respect to the period covered by the report—

- (1) actions taken to solicit and review proposals under section 941c of this title;
- (2) the results of proposals implemented under section 941c of this title; and
- (3) progress toward the accomplishment of the goals specified in section 941d of this title.

##### (b) Public access to data

For each of fiscal years 2023 through 2028, the Director shall make available through a public access website of the Department information that describes—

- (1) actions taken to solicit and review proposals under section 941c of this title;
- (2) the results of proposals implemented under section 941c of this title;

(3) progress toward the accomplishment of the goals specified in section 941d of this title;

(4) the priorities proposed for funding in the annual budget process under this chapter; and

(5) actions taken in support of the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Action Plan based on 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).

##### (c) Continued monitoring and assessment of study findings and recommendations

The Director—

(1) shall continue to monitor the status, and the assessment, management, and restoration needs, of the fish and wildlife resources of the Great Lakes Basin; and

(2) may reassess and update, as necessary, the findings and recommendations of the Report.

(Pub. L. 101-537, title I, §1008, Nov. 8, 1990, 104 Stat. 2374; Pub. L. 101-646, title II, §2008, Nov. 29, 1990, 104 Stat. 4777; Pub. L. 104-332, §2(h)(1), Oct. 26, 1996, 110 Stat. 4091; Pub. L. 105-265, §§3(b), 7, Oct. 19, 1998, 112 Stat. 2358, 2361; Pub. L. 109-326, §7, Oct. 11, 2006, 120 Stat. 1765; Pub. L. 114-322, title III, §3901(e), Dec. 16, 2016, 130 Stat. 1850; Pub. L. 117-287, §2(a), Dec. 27, 2022, 136 Stat. 4363.)

#### Editorial Notes

##### REFERENCES IN TEXT

Executive Order 13340, referred to in subsec. (b)(5), is Ex. Ord. No. 13340, May 18, 2004, 69 F.R. 29043, which is set out as a note under section 1268 of Title 33, Navigation and Navigable Waters.

##### 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

2022—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 117-287, §2(a)(1), in introductory provisions, inserted “and not later than December 31, 2027,” after “2021,” and “, with respect to the period covered by the report” after “describes” and substituted “Committee on Natural Resources” for “Committee on Resources”.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 117-287, §2(a)(2), substituted “2023 through 2028” for “2016 through 2020” in introductory provisions.

2016—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 114-322, §3901(e)(1), substituted “2021” for “2011” in introductory provisions.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 114-322, §3901(e)(2)(A), substituted “2016 through 2020” for “2007 through 2012” in introductory provisions.

Subsec. (b)(5). Pub. L. 114-322, §3901(e)(2)(B), inserted “the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Action Plan based on” after “in support of”.

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 114-322, §3901(e)(3), added subsec. (c) and struck out former subsec. (c). Prior to amendment, text read as follows: “Not later than June 30, 2007, the Director shall submit to the Committee on Environment and Public Works of the Senate and the Committee on Resources of the House of Representatives the 2002 report required under this section as in effect on the day before October 11, 2006.”

2006—Pub. L. 109-326 amended section catchline and text generally. Prior to amendment, text read as follows: “On December 31, 2002, the Director shall submit to the Committee on Resources of the House of Rep-

representatives and the Committee on Environment and Public Works of the Senate a report that describes—

“(1) actions taken to solicit and review proposals under section 941c of this title;

“(2) the results of proposals implemented under section 941c of this title; and

“(3) progress toward the accomplishment of the goals specified in section 941d of this title.”

1998—Pub. L. 105-265 amended section generally, substituting present provisions for provisions which had required report not later than 1 year after date of enactment and annually thereafter.

1996—Pub. L. 104-332 made technical amendment to Pub. L. 101-646, §2008, which enacted this section.

### § 941g. Authorization of appropriations

#### (a) Authorization

There are authorized to be appropriated to the Director for each of fiscal years 2023 through 2028—

(1) \$6,000,000 to implement fish and wildlife restoration proposals as selected by the Director under section 941c(e) of this title, of which—

(A) not more than the lesser of 33 1/3 percent or \$2,000,000 may be allocated to implement regional projects by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, as selected by the Director under section 941c(e) of this title; and

(B) the lesser of 3 percent or \$300,000 shall be allocated to the United States Fish and Wildlife Service to cover costs incurred in administering the proposals by any entity; and

(2) \$2,000,000, which shall be allocated for the activities of the Upper Great Lakes Fish and Wildlife Conservation Offices and the Lower Great Lakes Fish and Wildlife Conservation Office under section 941e of this title.

#### (b) Prohibition on use of funds for Federal acquisition of interests in land

No funds appropriated or used to carry out this chapter may be used for acquisition by the Federal Government of any interest in land.

(Pub. L. 101-537, title I, §1009, Nov. 8, 1990, 104 Stat. 2374; Pub. L. 101-646, title II, §2009, Nov. 29, 1990, 104 Stat. 4778; Pub. L. 104-332, §2(h)(1), (2), Oct. 26, 1996, 110 Stat. 4091; Pub. L. 105-265, §3(b), 8, Oct. 19, 1998, 112 Stat. 2358, 2361; Pub. L. 109-326, §9, Oct. 11, 2006, 120 Stat. 1766; Pub. L. 114-322, title III, §3901(f), (g), Dec. 16, 2016, 130 Stat. 1850, 1851; Pub. L. 117-287, §2(b), (c), Dec. 27, 2022, 136 Stat. 4363, 4364.)

#### Editorial Notes

##### CODIFICATION

Title I of Pub. L. 101-537 and title II of Pub. L. 101-646 enacted substantially identical provisions of subsec. (a), but Pub. L. 101-537 did not enact a subsec. (b). Title II of Pub. L. 101-646 was repealed by Pub. L. 105-265, §3(b).

##### AMENDMENTS

2022—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 117-287, §2(b), substituted “2023 through 2028” for “2016 through 2021” in introductory provisions.

Subsec. (a)(1)(B). Pub. L. 117-287, §2(c), substituted “3 percent” for “5 percent”.

2016—Pub. L. 114-322, §3901(g), designated existing provisions as subsec. (a), inserted heading, and added subsec. (b).

Pub. L. 114-322, §3901(f)(1) substituted “2016 through 2021” for “2007 through 2012” in introductory provisions.

Par. (1). Pub. L. 114-322, §3901(f)(2)(A), substituted “\$6,000,000” for “\$14,000,000” in introductory provisions.

Par. (1)(A). Pub. L. 114-322, §3901(f)(2)(B), substituted “\$2,000,000” for “\$4,600,000”.

Par. (1)(B). Pub. L. 114-322, §3901(f)(2)(C), substituted “\$300,000” for “\$700,000”.

Par. (2). Pub. L. 114-322, §3901(f)(3), substituted “the activities of the Upper Great Lakes Fish and Wildlife Conservation Offices and the Lower Great Lakes Fish and Wildlife Conservation Office under section 941e of this title” for “the activities of the Great Lakes Coordination Office in East Lansing, Michigan, of the Upper Great Lakes Fishery Resources Office, and the Lower Great Lakes Fishery Resources Office under section 941e of this title”.

2006—Pub. L. 109-326 amended section generally, substituting provisions authorizing appropriations for fiscal years 2007 to 2012 for provisions authorizing appropriations for fiscal years 1999 to 2004.

1998—Pub. L. 105-265 amended section generally, substituting provisions authorizing appropriations for fiscal years 1999 to 2004 for provisions authorizing appropriations for fiscal years 1991 to 1994 to conduct a study under section 941c of this title and for fiscal years 1991 to 1995 to establish and operate Great Lakes Coordination and Upper and Lower Great Lakes Fishery Resources Offices.

1996—Pub. L. 104-332 made technical amendment to Pub. L. 101-646, §2009, which enacted this section.

### § 941h. Great Lakes monitoring, assessment, science, and research

#### (a) Definitions

In this section:

##### (1) Director

The term “Director” means the Director of the United States Geological Survey.

##### (2) Great Lakes Basin

The term “Great Lakes Basin” means the air, land, water, and living organisms in the United States within the drainage basin of the Saint Lawrence River at and upstream from the point at which such river and the Great Lakes become the international boundary between Canada and the United States.

#### (b) Findings

Congress finds the following:

(1) The Great Lakes support a diverse ecosystem, on which the vibrant and economically valuable Great Lakes fisheries depend.

(2) To continue successful fisheries management and coordination, as has occurred since signing of the Convention on Great Lakes Fisheries between the United States and Canada on September 10, 1954, management of the ecosystem and its fisheries require sound, reliable science, and the use of modern scientific technologies.

(3) Fisheries research is necessary to support multi-jurisdictional fishery management decisions and actions regarding recreational and sport fishing, commercial fisheries, tribal harvest, allocation decisions, and fish stocking activities.

(4) President Richard Nixon submitted, and the Congress approved, Reorganization Plan No. 4 (84 Stat. 2090), conferring science activities and management of marine fisheries to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.