

Act,¹ the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration shall develop an outreach strategy to broadly disseminate information on the discoveries made by the program under section 3402 of this title.

(Pub. L. 111–11, title XII, §12004, as added Pub. L. 117–263, div. J, title CIII, §10305(e)(1), Dec. 23, 2022, 136 Stat. 3973.)

Editorial Notes

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The date of the enactment of the National Ocean Exploration Act, referred to in subsec. (c), probably means the date of enactment of Pub. L. 117–263, which was approved Dec. 23, 2022. Prior versions of the bill that was enacted into law as title CIII of div. J of Pub. L. 117–263 included such Short Title, but it was not enacted as part of Pub. L. 117–263.

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 3404, Pub. L. 111–11, title XII, Mar. 30, 2009, 123 Stat. 1418, related to an ocean exploration and undersea research technology and infrastructure task force, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 117–263, div. J, title CIII, §10305(d), Dec. 23, 2022, 136 Stat. 3972.

§ 3405. Ocean Exploration Advisory Board

(a) Establishment

The Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration shall appoint an Ocean Exploration Advisory Board composed of experts in relevant fields, including representatives from academic, commercial, nonprofit, philanthropic, policy, and Tribal entities—

(1) to advise the Administrator on priority areas for survey, discovery, and opportunities for extramural collaboration and partnerships;

(2) to assist the program in the development of a 5-year strategic plan for the fields of ocean, marine, and Great Lakes science, exploration, and discovery;

(3) to annually review the quality and effectiveness of the proposal review process established under section 3403(a)(4) of this title; and¹

(4) to identify market barriers to development or commercialization of novel ocean mapping, exploration, and characterization products, processes, and tools;

(5) to identify best practices to improve data management, processing, storage, and archiving standards; and

(6) to provide other assistance and advice as requested by the Administrator.

(b) Chapter 10 of title 5

Section 1013 of title 5 shall not apply to the Board appointed under subsection (a).

(c) Application with Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act

Nothing in this subchapter supersedes, or limits the authority of the Secretary of the Interior under the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act (43 U.S.C. 1331 et seq.).

(Pub. L. 111–11, title XII, §12005, Mar. 30, 2009, 123 Stat. 1418; Pub. L. 117–263, div. J, title CIII,

§10305(f), Dec. 23, 2022, 136 Stat. 3973; Pub. L. 117–286, §4(a)(208), Dec. 27, 2022, 136 Stat. 4329.)

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REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act, referred to in subsec. (c), is act Aug. 7, 1953, ch. 345, 67 Stat. 462, which is classified generally to subchapter III (§1331 et seq.) of chapter 29 of Title 43, Public Lands. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 1301 of Title 43 and Tables.

AMENDMENTS

2022—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 117–263, §10305(f)(1)(A), inserted “, including representatives from academic, commercial, nonprofit, philanthropic, policy, and Tribal entities” after “relevant fields” in introductory provisions.

Subsec. (a)(1). Pub. L. 117–263, §10305(f)(1)(B), amended par. (1) generally. Prior to amendment, par. (1) read as follows: “to advise the Administrator on priority areas for survey and discovery;”.

Subsec. (a)(4) to (6). Pub. L. 117–263, §10305(f)(1)(C), (D), added pars. (4) and (5) and redesignated former par. (4) as (6).

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 117–286 substituted “Chapter 10 of title 5” for “Federal Advisory Committee Act” in heading and “Section 1013 of title 5” for “Section 14 of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.)” in text.

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 117–263, §10305(f)(2), inserted “this” before “subchapter”.

§ 3406. Authorization of appropriations

There are authorized to be appropriated to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to carry out this subchapter \$60,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2023 through 2028¹

(Pub. L. 111–11, title XII, §12006, Mar. 30, 2009, 123 Stat. 1419; Pub. L. 117–263, div. J, title CIII, §10305(g), Dec. 23, 2022, 136 Stat. 3974.)

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AMENDMENTS

2022—Pub. L. 117–263 substituted “this subchapter \$60,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2023 through 2028” for “this subchapter—” and struck out pars. (1) to (7) which authorized appropriations for fiscal years 2009 through 2015.

§ 3407. Definitions

In this subchapter:

(1) Characterization

The terms “characterization”, “characterize”, and “characterizing” mean activities that provide comprehensive data and interpretations for a specific area of interest of the sea floor, sub-bottom, water column, or hydrologic features, such as water masses and currents, in direct support of specific research, environmental protection, resource management, policymaking, or applied mission objectives.

(2) Exploration

The term¹ “exploration”, “explore”, and “exploring” means¹ activities that provide—

(A) a multidisciplinary view of an unknown or poorly understood area of the sea floor, sub-bottom, or water column; and

¹ See References in Text note below.

¹ So in original. The word “and” probably should not appear.

¹ So in original. Probably should be followed by a period.

¹ So in original. Probably should be “terms” and “mean”.