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## REFERENCES IN TEXT

The date of the enactment of the National Ocean Exploration Act, referred to in subsec. (a), 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 12206 of Pub. L. 111-11 was renumbered 12208 and is classified to section 3505 of this title.

**§ 3504b. Agreements and financial assistance****(a) Agreements**

Subject to the availability of appropriations for such purpose, the head of a Federal agency that is represented on the Interagency Committee on Ocean and Coastal Mapping may enter into agreements with any other agency that is so represented to provide, on a reimbursable or nonreimbursable basis, facilities, equipment, services, personnel, and other support services to carry out the purposes of this chapter.

**(b) Financial assistance**

The Administrator may make financial assistance awards (grants of cooperative agreements) to any State or subdivision thereof or any public or private organization or individual to carry out the purposes of this chapter.

(Pub. L. 111-11, title XII, §12207, as added Pub. L. 117-263, div. J, title CIII, §10307(e)(2), Dec. 23, 2022, 136 Stat. 3979.)

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## PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 12207 of Pub. L. 111-11 was renumbered section 12209 and is classified to section 3506 of this title.

**§ 3505. Effect on other laws**

Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to supersede or alter the existing authorities of any Federal agency with respect to ocean and coastal mapping.

(Pub. L. 111-11, title XII, §12208, formerly §12206, Mar. 30, 2009, 123 Stat. 1426; renumbered §12208, Pub. L. 117-263, div. J, title CIII, §10307(e)(1), Dec. 23, 2022, 136 Stat. 3978.)

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## PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 12208 of Pub. L. 111-11 was renumbered 12210 is classified to section 3507 of this title.

**§ 3506. Authorization of appropriations****(a) In general**

In addition to the amounts authorized by section 892d of this title, there are authorized to be appropriated to the Administrator to carry out this chapter \$45,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2023 through 2028.

**(b) Joint ocean and coastal mapping centers**

Of the amounts appropriated pursuant to subsection (a), the following amounts shall be used

to carry out section 3504(c)<sup>1</sup> of this title \$15,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2023 through 2028.

**(c) Ocean and coastal mapping Federal funding opportunity**

Of amounts authorized pursuant to subsection (a), \$20,000,000 is authorized to carry out section 3504a of this title.

(Pub. L. 111-11, title XII, §12209, formerly §12207, Mar. 30, 2009, 123 Stat. 1426; renumbered §12209 and amended Pub. L. 117-263, div. J, title CIII, §10307(e)(1), (f), Dec. 23, 2022, 136 Stat. 3978, 3979.)

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## REFERENCES IN TEXT

Section 3504 of this title, referred to in subsec. (b), was amended by Pub. L. 117-263, div. J, title CIII, §10307(d)(2)(B), (C), Dec. 23, 2022, 136 Stat. 3978, by striking out the subsec. (c) designation and striking all the other subsections, thereby redesignating subsec. (c) as all of section 3504 of this title.

## AMENDMENTS

2022—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 117-263, §10307(f)(1), substituted “this chapter \$45,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2023 through 2028.” for “this chapter—” and struck out pars. (1) to (4) which authorized appropriations for fiscal years 2009 through 2015.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 117-263, §10307(f)(2), substituted “this title \$15,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2023 through 2028.” for “this title:” and struck out pars. (1) to (4) which authorized appropriations for fiscal years 2009 through 2015.

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 117-263, §10307(f)(3), (4), added subsec. (c) and struck out former subsec. (c). Prior to amendment, text read as follows: “To carry out interagency activities under section 3502 of this title, the head of any department or agency may execute a cooperative agreement with the Administrator, including those authorized by section 883e of this title.”

**§ 3507. Definitions**

In this chapter:

**(1) Administrator**

The term “Administrator”<sup>1</sup> means the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

**(2) Coastal state**

The term “coastal state” has the meaning given that term by section 1453(4) of title 16.

**(3) Working Group**

The term “Working Group” means the Interagency Working Group on Ocean and Coastal Mapping under section 3502 of this title.

**(4) Exclusive economic zone**

The term “exclusive economic zone” means the exclusive economic zone of the United States established by Presidential Proclamation No. 5030, of March 10, 1983.

**(5) Ocean and coastal mapping**

The term “ocean and coastal mapping” means the acquisition, processing, management, maintenance, interpretation, certification, and dissemination of physical, biologi-

<sup>1</sup> See References in Text note below.

<sup>1</sup> So in original. Closing single quotation mark probably should not appear.

cal, geological, chemical, and archaeological characteristics and boundaries of ocean and coastal areas, resources, and sea beds through the use of acoustics, satellites, aerial photogrammetry, light and imaging, direct sampling, and other mapping technologies.

**(6) Territorial sea**

The term “territorial sea” means the belt of sea measured from the baseline of the United States determined in accordance with international law, as set forth in Presidential Proclamation Number 5928, dated December 27, 1988.

**(7) Nongovernmental entities**

The term “nongovernmental entities” includes nongovernmental organizations, members of the academic community, and private sector organizations that provide products and services associated with measuring, locating, and preparing maps, charts, surveys, aerial photographs, satellite images,<sup>2</sup> or other graphical or digital presentations depicting natural or manmade physical features, phenomena, and legal boundaries of the Earth.

**(8) Outer Continental Shelf**

The term “Outer Continental Shelf” means all submerged lands lying seaward and outside of lands beneath navigable waters (as that term is defined in section 1301 of title 43), and of which the subsoil and seabed appertain to the United States and are subject to its jurisdiction and control.

**(9) Coastal Indian Tribe**

The term “coastal Indian Tribe” means an “Indian Tribe”, as defined in section 5304 of title 25, the land of which is located in a coastal State.

(Pub. L. 111–11, title XII, § 12210, formerly § 12208, Mar. 30, 2009, 123 Stat. 1426; renumbered § 12210 and amended Pub. L. 117–263, div. J, title CIII, § 10307(b)(1)(C), (e)(1), (g), Dec. 23, 2022, 136 Stat. 3976, 3978, 3979.)

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REFERENCES IN TEXT

Presidential Proclamation No. 5030, referred to in par. (4), is set out under section 1453 of Title 16, Conservation.

Presidential Proclamation Number 5928, referred to in par. (6), is set out under section 1331 of Title 43, Public Lands.

AMENDMENTS

2022—Par. (3). Pub. L. 117–263, § 10307(b)(1)(C), amended par. (3) generally. Prior to amendment, text read as follows: “The term ‘Committee’ means the Interagency Ocean and Coastal Mapping Committee established by section 3502 of this title.”

Par. (5). Pub. L. 117–263, § 10307(g)(1), substituted “processing, management, maintenance, interpretation, certification, and dissemination” for “processing, and management”.

Par. (9). Pub. L. 117–263, § 10307(g)(2), added par. (9).

**CHAPTER 49—INTEGRATED COASTAL AND OCEAN OBSERVATION SYSTEM**

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**§ 3601. Purposes**

The purposes of this chapter are—

(1) to establish and sustain a national integrated System of ocean, coastal, and Great Lakes observing systems, comprised of Federal and non-Federal components coordinated at the national level by the Council and at the regional level by a network of regional coastal observing systems, and that includes in situ, remote, and other coastal and ocean observation and modeling capabilities, technologies, data management systems, communication systems, and product development systems, and is designed to address regional and national needs for ocean and coastal information, to gather specific data on key ocean, coastal, and Great Lakes variables, and to ensure timely and sustained dissemination and availability of these data—

(A) to the public;

(B) to support national defense, search and rescue operations, marine commerce, navigation safety, weather, climate, and marine forecasting, energy siting and production, economic development, ecosystem-based marine, coastal, and Great Lakes resource management, public safety, and public outreach and education;

(C) to promote greater public awareness and stewardship of the Nation’s ocean, coastal, and Great Lakes resources and the general public welfare;

(D) to provide easy access to ocean, coastal, and Great Lakes data and promote data sharing between Federal and non-Federal sources and promote public data sharing;

(E) to enable advances in scientific understanding to support the sustainable use, conservation, management, and understanding of healthy ocean, coastal, and Great Lakes resources to ensure the Nation can respond to opportunities to enhance food, economic, and national security; and

(F) to monitor and model changes in the oceans and Great Lakes, including with respect to chemistry, harmful algal blooms, hypoxia, water levels, and other phenomena;

(2) to improve the Nation’s capability to measure, track, observe, understand, and predict events related directly and indirectly to weather and climate, natural climate variability, and interactions between the oceanic and atmospheric environments, including the Great Lakes;

(3) to sustain, upgrade, and modernize the Nation’s ocean and Great Lakes observing in-

<sup>2</sup> So in original. Probably should be “images.”