

Pub. L. 115-31, div. B, title I, §104, May 5, 2017, 131 Stat. 191.

Pub. L. 114-113, div. B, title I, §104, Dec. 18, 2015, 129 Stat. 2294.

Pub. L. 113-235, div. B, title I, §104, Dec. 16, 2014, 128 Stat. 2181.

Pub. L. 113-76, div. B, title I, §104, Jan. 17, 2014, 128 Stat. 51.

Pub. L. 113-6, div. B, title I, §105(b), Mar. 26, 2013, 127 Stat. 242.

§ 878b. Safety and health regulations for scientific and occupational diving

On and after March 11, 2009, the Secretary of Commerce is permitted to prescribe and enforce standards or regulations affecting safety and health in the context of scientific and occupational diving within the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

(Pub. L. 111-8, div. B, title I, §106, Mar. 11, 2009, 123 Stat. 568.)

Editorial Notes

CODIFICATION

Section was enacted as part of the Department of Commerce Appropriations Act, 2009, which is title I of the Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2009, which is div. B of the Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009.

SIMILAR PROVISIONS

Provisions similar to those in this section were contained in the following prior appropriation act:

Pub. L. 110-161, div. B, title I, §110, Dec. 26, 2007, 121 Stat. 1893.

SUBCHAPTER II—SURVEYS

§§ 881 to 883. Repealed. Aug. 6, 1947, ch. 504, § 10(2)–(5), 61 Stat. 788

Section 881, R.S. §4681, related to authority of the President to order surveys of coasts of the United States. See section 883a of this title.

Section 882, R.S. §4682, related to additional authority to order surveys beyond twenty-league limit. See section 883a of this title.

Section 883, R.S. §§4683, 4684, related to mode of conducting surveys generally. See sections 883a and 883b of this title.

§ 883a. Surveys and other activities

To provide charts and related information for the safe navigation of marine and air commerce, and to provide basic data for engineering and scientific purposes and for other commercial and industrial needs, the Secretary of Commerce, is authorized to conduct the following activities:

- (1) Hydrographic and topographic surveys;
- (2) Tide and current observations;
- (3) Geodetic-control surveys;
- (4) Field surveys for aeronautical charts;
- (5) Geomagnetic, seismological, gravity, and related geophysical measurements and investigations, and observations for the determination of variation in latitude and longitude.

(Aug. 6, 1947, ch. 504, §1, 61 Stat. 787; Pub. L. 86-409, Apr. 5, 1960, 74 Stat. 16; 1965 Reorg. Plan No. 2, eff. July 13, 1965, 30 F.R. 8819, 79 Stat. 1318.)

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AMENDMENTS

1960—Pub. L. 86-409 struck out provisions which restricted the Coast and Geodetic Survey in the conduct

of its specified activities to the United States, its Territories and possessions, and which restricted hydrographic and topographic surveys to surveys of coastal water and land areas (including offlying islands, banks, shoals, and other offshore areas), and to surveys of lakes, rivers, reservoirs, and other inland waters not otherwise provided for by statute.

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

CONTINUOUS PLANKTON RECORDER SURVEY

Pub. L. 117-328, div. JJ, title III, §301, Dec. 29, 2022, 136 Stat. 6092, provided that:

“(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act [Dec. 29, 2022], and on an ongoing basis thereafter, the Secretary of Commerce shall conduct a Continuous Plankton Recorder survey.

“(b) REQUIRED ELEMENTS.—For the purpose of conducting the survey required under subsection (a), the Northeast Fisheries Science Center shall—

“(1) to the extent possible, utilize the resources of and partner with, on a volunteer basis, research institutions, nonprofit organizations, commercial vessels, and other Federal agencies;

“(2) in as short a time as possible, ensure relevant survey samples and results are analyzed, stored, archived, and made publicly available;

“(3) prioritize the collection of plankton samples and data that inform the conservation of North Atlantic right whales; and

“(4) to the extent practicable, coordinate with the Government of Canada to develop a transboundary understanding of plankton abundance and distribution.

“(c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—To carry out this section there is authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary of Commerce \$300,000 for each of fiscal years 2023 through 2032, which shall be derived from existing funds otherwise appropriated to the Secretary.”

GREAT LAKES ENVIRONMENTAL SENSITIVITY INDEX

Pub. L. 116-274, Dec. 31, 2020, 134 Stat. 3356, provided that:

“SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

“This Act may be cited as the ‘Great Lakes Environmental Sensitivity Index Act of 2020’.

“SEC. 2. UPDATE TO ENVIRONMENTAL SENSITIVITY INDEX PRODUCTS OF NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION FOR GREAT LAKES.

“(a) UPDATE REQUIRED FOR ENVIRONMENTAL SENSITIVITY INDEX PRODUCTS FOR GREAT LAKES.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act [Dec. 31, 2020], the Under Secretary for Oceans and Atmosphere shall commence updating the environmental sensitivity index products of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration for each coastal area of the Great Lakes.

“(b) PERIODIC UPDATES FOR ENVIRONMENTAL SENSITIVITY INDEX PRODUCTS GENERALLY.—Subject to the availability of appropriations and the priorities set forth in subsection (c), the Under Secretary shall—

“(1) periodically update the environmental sensitivity index products of the Administration; and

“(2) endeavor to do so not less frequently than once every 7 years.

“(c) PRIORITIES.—When prioritizing geographic areas to update environmental sensitivity index products, the Under Secretary shall consider—

“(1) the age of existing environmental sensitivity index products for the areas;

“(2) the occurrence of extreme events, be it natural or man-made, which have significantly altered the shoreline or ecosystem since the last update;

“(3) the natural variability of shoreline and coastal environment; and

“(4) the volume of vessel traffic and general vulnerability to spilled pollutants.