

**CHAPTER 2003—LAND AND WATER
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2020—Pub. L. 116-152, §3(c), Aug. 4, 2020, 134 Stat. 687, substituted “Availability of funds” for “Appropriations for expenditure of Fund amounts” in item 200303.

§ 200301. Definitions

In this chapter:

(1) **FUND.**—The term “Fund” means the Land and Water Conservation Fund established under section 200302 of this title.

(2) **STATE.**—The term “State” means a State, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, the Virgin Islands, and the Northern Mariana Islands.

(Pub. L. 113-287, §3, Dec. 19, 2014, 128 Stat. 3171.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
200301(1)	no source.	
200301(2)	16 U.S.C. 460l-8(b)(5) (last sentence).	Pub. L. 88-578, title I, §6(b)(5) (last sentence), formerly §5, Sept. 3, 1964, 78 Stat. 900; renumbered §6, Pub. L. 92-347, §2, July 11, 1972, 86 Stat. 459; Pub. L. 94-422, title I, §101(3), Sept. 28, 1976, 90 Stat. 1315.

§ 200302. Establishment of Land and Water Conservation Fund

(a) **ESTABLISHMENT.**—There is established in the Treasury the Land and Water Conservation Fund.

(b) **DEPOSITS.**—There shall be deposited in the Fund the following revenues and collections:

(1) All proceeds (except so much thereof as may be otherwise obligated, credited, or paid under authority of the provisions of law set forth in section 572(a) or 574(a) to (c) of title 40 or under authority of any appropriation Act that appropriates an amount, to be derived from proceeds from the transfer of excess property and the disposal of surplus property, for necessary expenses, not otherwise provided for, incident to the utilization and disposal of excess and surplus property) received from any disposal of surplus real property and related personal property under chapter 5 of title 40, notwithstanding any provision of law that such proceeds shall be credited to miscellaneous receipts of the Treasury. Nothing in this chapter shall affect existing laws or regula-

tions concerning disposal of real or personal surplus property to schools, hospitals, and States and their political subdivisions.

(2) The amounts provided for in section 200310 of this title.

(c) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—In addition to the sum of the revenues and collections estimated by the Secretary to be deposited in the Fund pursuant to this section, there are authorized to be appropriated annually to the Fund out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated such amounts as are necessary to make the income of the Fund not less than \$900,000,000 for each fiscal year.

(2) **RECEIPTS UNDER OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF LANDS ACT.**—To the extent that amounts appropriated under paragraph (1) are not sufficient to make the total annual income of the Fund equivalent to the amounts provided in paragraph (1), an amount sufficient to cover the remainder shall be credited to the Fund from revenues due and payable to the United States for deposit in the Treasury as miscellaneous receipts under the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act (43 U.S.C. 1331 et seq.).

(Pub. L. 113-287, §3, Dec. 19, 2014, 128 Stat. 3171; Pub. L. 114-113, div. O, title VIII, §801(a), Dec. 18, 2015, 129 Stat. 3030; Pub. L. 116-9, title III, §3001(a), Mar. 12, 2019, 133 Stat. 754; Pub. L. 116-152, §3(b)(1), Aug. 4, 2020, 134 Stat. 687.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
200302	16 U.S.C. 460l-5.	Pub. L. 88-578, title I, §2, Sept. 3, 1964, 78 Stat. 897; Pub. L. 89-72, §11, July 9, 1965, 79 Stat. 218; Pub. L. 90-401, §§1(a), 2, July 15, 1968, 82 Stat. 354, 355; Pub. L. 91-308, §2, July 7, 1970, 84 Stat. 410; Pub. L. 91-485, §1, Oct. 22, 1970, 84 Stat. 1084; Pub. L. 94-273, §2(7), Apr. 21, 1976, 90 Stat. 375; Pub. L. 94-422, title I, §101(1), Sept. 28, 1976, 90 Stat. 1313; Pub. L. 95-42, §1(1), June 10, 1977, 91 Stat. 210; Pub. L. 100-203, title V, §5201(f)(1), Dec. 22, 1987, 101 Stat. 1330-267.

In subsection (b), the words “section 572(a) or 574(a) to (c) of title 40” are substituted for “section 485(b)(e)[sic], title 40, United States Code”, and the words “chapter 5 of title 40” are substituted for “the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949, as amended” because of section 5(c) of the Act of August 21, 2002 (Public Law 107-217, 116 Stat. 1303), the 1st section of which enacted Title 40, United States Code, and in the case of “chapter 5 of title 40”, to provide a more precise cross reference. The words “any appropriation Act that appropriates an amount, to be derived from proceeds from the transfer of excess property and the disposal of surplus property, for necessary expenses, not otherwise provided for, incident to the utilization and disposal of excess and surplus property” are substituted for “the Independent Offices Appropriation Act, 1963 (76 Stat. 725) or in any later appropriation Act” to update the reference.

In subsection (c)(1), reference to fiscal years 1977 and 1978 and the word “thereafter” are omitted as obsolete.

Editorial Notes

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act, referred to in subsec. (c)(2), 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

2020—Subsec. (c)(3). Pub. L. 116-152 struck out par. (3). Text read as follows: “Notwithstanding section 200303 of this title, money deposited in the Fund under this subsection shall remain in the Fund until appropriated by Congress to carry out this chapter.”

2019—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 116-9, §3001(a)(1), substituted “There” for “During the period ending September 30, 2018, there” in introductory provisions.

Subsec. (c)(1). Pub. L. 116-9, §3001(a)(2), struck out “through September 30, 2018” after “each fiscal year”.

2015—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 114-113, §801(a)(1), substituted “September 30, 2018” for “September 30, 2015” in introductory provisions.

Subsec. (c)(1). Pub. L. 114-113, §801(a)(2), substituted “September 30, 2018” for “September 30, 2015”.

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

ESTABLISHMENT AND COLLECTION OF USE OR ROYALTY FEES FOR MANUFACTURE, REPRODUCTION, OR USE OF “GOLDEN EAGLE INSIGNIA”

Pub. L. 92-347, §3(a), July 11, 1972, 86 Stat. 461, provided that: “The Secretary of the Interior may establish and collect use or royalty fees for the manufacture, reproduction, or use of ‘The Golden Eagle Insignia’, originated by the Department of the Interior and announced in the December 3, 1970, issue of the Federal Register (35 Federal Register 18376) as the official symbol for Federal recreation areas designated for recreation fee collection. Any fees collected pursuant to this subsection shall be covered into the Land and Water Conservation Fund.”

TERMINATION OF RIGHTS IN “GOLDEN EAGLE INSIGNIA”

Pub. L. 92-347, §3(d), July 11, 1972, 86 Stat. 462, provided that: “The rights in ‘The Golden Eagle Insignia’ under this Act [see Tables for classification], shall terminate if the use by the Secretary of the Interior of ‘The Golden Eagle Insignia’ is abandoned. Nonuse for a continuous period of two years shall constitute abandonment.”

Executive Documents

EX. ORD. NO. 11200. ESTABLISHMENT OF RECREATION USER FEES

Ex. Ord. No. 11200, Feb. 26, 1965, 30 F.R. 2645, provided: WHEREAS it is desirable that all American people of present and future generations be assured adequate outdoor recreation resources, and it is desirable for all levels of government and private interests to take prompt and coordinated action to the extent practicable without diminishing or affecting their respective powers and functions to conserve, develop, and utilize such resources for the benefit and enjoyment of the American people; and

WHEREAS these resources are to a considerable extent located on lands administered by the Federal Government through the National Park Service, the Bureau of Land Management, the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife, the Bureau of Reclamation, the Forest Service, the Corps of Engineers, the Tennessee Valley Authority and the United States Section of the International Boundary and Water Commission (United States and Mexico); and

WHEREAS the Act of May 28, 1963, 77 Stat. 49 [see 54 U.S.C. 200101 et seq.], vested the Secretary of the Inte-

rior with legal authority to promote coordination of Federal plans and activities generally relating to outdoor recreation; and

WHEREAS it is fair and equitable that the users of certain recreation areas and facilities managed by such agencies pay a reasonable fee for the recreation benefits received; and

WHEREAS it is desirable to establish uniformity of practices among such Federal agencies regarding recreation user fees and related matters; and

WHEREAS the Congress, recognizing the need for urgent and effective action in this regard, enacted the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965, Public Law 88-578; 78 Stat. 897 [see 54 U.S.C. 200301 et seq.] (hereafter in this order referred to as “the Act”);

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Act, by Section 301 of title 3 of the United States Code, and as President of the United States, it is ordered as follows:

SECTION 1. *Designation of areas for 1965.* (a) All areas administered by the National Park Service, Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife, Bureau of Reclamation, Forest Service, Corps of Engineers, Tennessee Valley Authority, and the United States Section of the International Boundary and Water Commission (United States and Mexico), at which entrance, admission, or other recreation user fees (hereafter in this order referred to as “recreation user fees”) were collected directly by those Federal agencies during any part of 1964 are hereby designated, pursuant to Section 2(a) of the Act [former 16 U.S.C. 460l-5(a)], as areas at which recreation user fees shall be charged during 1965.

(b) The Secretary of the Interior, the Secretary of Agriculture, the Secretary of Defense, the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority, and the Commissioner, United States Section of the International Boundary and Water Commission (United States and Mexico), or their designees, shall, by April 1, 1965, designate any additional areas under their respective jurisdictions at which recreation user fees are to be charged during 1965.

(c) Recreation user fees for such areas shall be prescribed as provided in Section 5 of this Order.

SEC. 2. *Designation of areas for years after 1965.* (a) Subject to the provisions of subsection (b) of this section, the areas designated by Section 1(a), or pursuant to Section 1(b), of this Order are hereby designated as areas for which recreation user fees shall be charged for years after 1965.

(b) The officials described in Section 1(b) of this Order shall, before January 1, 1966, and at least annually thereafter, review all areas then under their respective jurisdictions, including those described in subsection (a) of this section, to determine (1) whether any additional areas should, in accordance with the designation criteria prescribed by Section 3 of this Order (or under those designation criteria as revised by the Secretary of the Interior pursuant to Section 6(c) of this Order), be designated as areas for which recreation user fees shall be charged, or (2) whether the recreation user fee for any area theretofore designated should be increased, reduced, or eliminated under the designation criteria then in effect.

(c)(1) Whenever, in accordance with subsection (b) of this section, it is determined that the recreation user fee for an area should be reduced or eliminated, such action shall be taken forthwith.

(2) Whenever, in accordance with subsection (b) of this section, it is determined that a recreation user fee should be charged with respect to an area with respect to which no such fee has theretofore been charged, such new fee shall be charged only after the posting requirements of Section 4 of this Order have been satisfied.

SEC. 3. *Criteria for designation of areas.* Areas shall, in accordance with Section 1(b) and Section 2(b) of this Order and to the extent permitted by the Act, be designated as areas at which recreation user fees shall be charged if the following conditions are found to exist concurrently:

(1) The area is administered by any of the eight agencies specified in Section 1(a) of this Order;

(2) The area is administered primarily for scenic, scientific, historical, cultural, or recreational purposes;

(3) The area has recreation facilities or services provided at Federal expense; and

(4) The nature of the area is such that fee collection is administratively and economically practical.

(b) Areas designated as those at which recreation user fees shall be charged shall hereafter in this Order be referred to as “designated areas.”

SEC. 4. *Posting of designated areas.* The heads of administering agencies and departments shall provide for the posting of signs at all designated areas such as will clearly notify the visiting public that recreation user fees are charged therein. All areas designated pursuant to Sections 1 and 2 of this Order shall be so posted prior to the beginning of the recreation season or as soon as practicable following designation. No recreation user fee established pursuant to this Order shall be effective with respect to any designated area until that designated area has been posted.

SEC. 5. *Establishment of fees.* (a) Each official described in Section 1(b) of this Order shall, subject to the criteria prescribed by the Secretary of the Interior, establish a recreation user fee for each designated area administered under his jurisdiction by selecting from a schedule of fees, prescribed by the Secretary of the Interior pursuant to Section 6 of this Order, the fee which is appropriate for each such designated area under criteria prescribed by the Secretary pursuant to that section. Each such official shall also specify which designated areas shall be excluded from the coverage of the annual fee described in Section 2(a)(1) of the Act [former 16 U.S.C. 460l-5(a)(i)] and which, as a result of that exclusion will be subject to the fee described in Section 2(a)(iii) of the Act [former 16 U.S.C. 460l-5(a)(iii)]. The range of recreation user fees to be charged and the criteria for their selection shall be established under the procedures prescribed by Section 6 of this Order.

(b) The Secretary of the Interior shall prescribe the procedures for the production, distribution, and sale of the Land and Water Conservation Fund Sticker, which shall be issued to those individuals who elect to pay the annual fees. The Secretary of the Interior shall also prescribe the manner in which the Sticker shall be displayed. The conditions under which it may be used shall be determined under the procedures prescribed by Section 6 of this Order.

SEC. 6. *Coordination.* (a) The Secretary of the Interior shall after consultation with the heads of other affected departments and agencies, adopt such coordination measures as are necessary to carry out the purposes of Sections 2(a) and 4(a) of the Act [former 16 U.S.C. 460l-5(a), 460l-7(a)] and the provisions of this order.

(b)(1) In order that the purposes of the Act and of this Order may be effectuated without delay, the Secretary of the Interior shall, subject to the limitations imposed by the Act and without regard to the other provisions of this section, forthwith issue a schedule of recreation user fees and criteria to be used in determining which such fees shall be charged with respect to each of the designated areas.

(2) Subject to the limitations imposed by the Act and subject to the provisions of subsections (a), (c), and (d) of this section, the Secretary of the Interior may, from time to time, amend or replace the schedule of fees and the criteria prescribed by him pursuant to subsection (b)(1) of this section.

(c) Subject to the limits set forth in the Act, the measures which the Secretary of the Interior may adopt pursuant to subsection (a) of this section may include, but are not limited to, the following—

(1) Initial preparation and coordination of the comprehensive statement of estimated requirements during the ensuing fiscal year for appropriations from the Land and Water Conservation Fund, as required by Section 4(a) of the act [former 16 U.S.C. 460l-7(a)].

(2) Development of such additional procedures and interpretive materials as are necessary to facilitate the implementation of this Order and related provisions of the Act.

(3) Review and revision, if needed, of the criteria for designation set forth in Section 3 of this Order.

(d) Except with respect to the schedule of fees and the criteria prescribed by the Secretary pursuant to subsection (b)(1) of this section, measures and regulations adopted by the Secretary pursuant to this Order shall not become effective until 30 days after they are presented for the consideration of the other officials described in Section 1(b). Any such official who does not concur in any such measure or regulation may, within that 30-day period, refer the matter to the Recreation Advisory Council established under Executive Order No. 11017 [superseded by Ex. Ord. No. 11278, which in turn was revoked by Ex. Ord. No. 11472, which is set out as a note under section 4321 of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare] for resolution. If a proposed measure is referred to the Council for resolution, it shall not become effective until approved by the Council. With the approval of all other officials described in Section 1(b) of this Order, the provisions of this subsection may be waived with respect to any specific measure or regulation adopted by the Secretary of the Interior pursuant to this order so that any such measure or regulation may be made effective before the expiration of the 30-day waiting period prescribed by the first sentence of this subsection.

SEC. 7. *Review of contracts.* The officials described in Section 1(b) of this Order shall, within a reasonable time, review all existing contracts and other arrangements between their respective agencies and any non-Federal public entity which relate to non-Federal management of Federally-owned outdoor recreation areas. Special attention shall be given to any provision in any such contract or other arrangement which prohibits or discourages in any way such non-Federal public entity from charging recreation user fees. Unless otherwise prohibited by law, each such restrictive provision shall be the subject of renegotiation designed to accomplish a modification thereof that will permit the charging of recreation user fees.

SEC. 8. *Regulations.* The Secretary of the Interior is authorized to issue such regulations as may be necessary to carry out his functions under this Order.

LYNDON B. JOHNSON.

§ 200303. Availability of funds

(a) IN GENERAL.—Any amounts deposited in the Fund under section 200302 for fiscal year 2020 and each fiscal year thereafter shall be made available for expenditure for fiscal year 2021 and each fiscal year thereafter, without further appropriation or fiscal year limitation, to carry out the purposes of the Fund (including accounts and programs made available from the Fund pursuant to the Further Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2020 (Public Law 116-94; 133 Stat. 2534)).

(b) ADDITIONAL AMOUNTS.—Amounts made available under subsection (a) shall be in addition to amounts made available to the Fund under section 105 of the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act of 2006 (43 U.S.C. 1331 note; Public Law 109-432) or otherwise appropriated from the Fund.

(c) ALLOCATION AUTHORITY.—

(1) SUBMISSION OF COST ESTIMATES.—The President shall submit to Congress detailed account, program, and project allocations of the full amount made available under subsection (a)—

(A) for fiscal year 2021, not later than 90 days after the date of enactment of the Great American Outdoors Act; and