

**§ 459j-4. Administration, protection, and development**

**(a) Conservation and management of natural resources**

The seashore shall be administered, protected, and developed in accordance with the provisions of sections 1, 2, 3, and 4 of this title, as amended and supplemented, except that any other statutory authority available to the Secretary for the conservation management of natural resources may be utilized to the extent he finds such authority will further the purposes of sections 459j to 459j-8 of this title.

**(b) Administration of lands in Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge**

Notwithstanding any other provisions of sections 459j to 459j-8 of this title, lands and waters in the Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge as described in subsection (c)(2) of this section which are part of the seashore shall be administered for refuge purposes through the United States Fish and Wildlife Service pursuant to the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act, as amended (80 Stat. 926; 16 U.S.C. 668dd-668ee), except that the Secretary may utilize such additional authority as may be available to him for the conservation and management of wildlife and natural resources, the development of outdoor recreation opportunities, and interpretive education as he deems appropriate, consistent with the preservation of natural and wildlife values.

**(c) Division of management authority between National Park Service and United States Fish and Wildlife Service**

The Secretary shall cause to be issued a well defined division of management authority between the National Park Service and the United States Fish and Wildlife Service. It is the intent and purpose of sections 459j to 459j-8 of this title that such management authority, generally, shall be as follows:

(1) The National Park Service shall administer those lands and waters described as follows: beginning at the intersection of State Highway 3 and State Road 402; thence easterly along State Road 402 and continuing easterly in a straight line to a point one-half mile offshore in the Atlantic Ocean, following the southern boundary of the seashore created in section 1; thence northwesterly along the boundary of the seashore created in section 1, which line is at each point one-half mile distance from the high water mark, to Bethune Beach; thence inland in a generally, westerly direction through Turner Flats and Shipyard Canal; thence northwesterly to the Intracoastal Waterway; thence southerly along the Intracoastal Waterway to the boundary of the Kennedy Space Center; then southwestwardly to United States Highway 1; thence southerly along State Highway 3 to the northern boundary of H. M. Gomez Grant; thence easterly along the northern boundary of H. M. Gomez Grant and continuing easterly in a straight line to a point of intersection with the line between the marsh and the dunes; thence southerly along the line between the marsh and the dunes to a point approximately one-half mile north of the southern boundary of the seashore created in section 1;

thence westerly in a straight line to connect with and to follow the Government Railroad to its intersection with State Highway 3; thence southerly along State Highway 3 to the point of beginning. The portion of land bounded by the northern boundary of the H. M. Gomez Grant is hereby transferred to the Secretary of the Interior and may be used for the purpose of establishing such facilities as are needed for the administration of the seashore, for the construction of the principal visitor center which shall be designated as the "Spessard L. Holland Visitor Center", and for a central access to the seashore: *Provided, however*, That the Secretary of the Interior, upon the request of the Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, shall close this area or any part thereof to the public when necessary for space operations. In administering the shoreline and adjacent lands the Secretary shall retain such lands in their natural and primitive condition, shall prohibit vehicular traffic on the beach except for administrative purposes, and shall develop only those facilities which he deems essential for public health and safety.

(2) The United States Fish and Wildlife Service shall administer the remaining lands described in section 459j of this title.

(Pub. L. 93-626, § 5, Jan. 3, 1975, 88 Stat. 2123.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act, as amended, referred to in subsec. (b), consists of sections 4 and 5 of Pub. L. 89-669, Oct. 15, 1966, 80 Stat. 927, as amended, and is classified to sections 668dd, 668ee of this title. For further details, see Short Title note set out under section 668dd of this title.

CLOTHING-OPTIONAL AREAS PROHIBITED

Pub. L. 108-108, title I, §126, Nov. 10, 2003, 117 Stat. 1269, provided that: "None of the funds made available in this or any other Act for any fiscal year may be used to designate, or to post any sign designating, any portion of Canaveral National Seashore in Brevard County, Florida, as a clothing-optional area or as an area in which public nudity is permitted, if such designation would be contrary to county ordinance."

Similar provisions were contained in the following prior appropriation acts:

Pub. L. 108-7, div. F, title I, §128, Feb. 20, 2003, 117 Stat. 242.

Pub. L. 107-63, title III, §313, Nov. 5, 2001, 115 Stat. 467.

Pub. L. 106-291, title III, §316, Oct. 11, 2000, 114 Stat. 989.

Pub. L. 106-113, div. B, §1000(a)(3) [title III, §317], Nov. 29, 1999, 113 Stat. 1535, 1501A-192.

Pub. L. 105-277, div. A, §101(e) [title III, §318], Oct. 21, 1998, 112 Stat. 2681-231, 2681-289.

Pub. L. 105-83, title III, §328, Nov. 14, 1997, 111 Stat. 1600.

**§ 459j-5. Canaveral National Seashore Advisory Commission**

**(a) Establishment; duties; termination; membership; term of members; appointment; Chairman**

There is hereby established the Canaveral National Seashore Advisory Commission which shall consult and advise with the Secretary on all matters of planning, development, and operation of the seashore and shall provide such other advice and assistance as may be useful in carrying out the purposes of sections 459j to

459j-8 of this title. The Commission shall terminate ten years after the date the seashore is established pursuant to sections 459j to 459j-8 of this title, unless extended by the Congress. The Commission shall be composed of six members who shall serve for terms of two years. Members shall be appointed by the Secretary, one of whom he shall designate as Chairman, in the following manner:

(1) one member from each county in which the seashore is located, to be selected from recommendations made by the county commission in each county;

(2) two members representing the State of Florida who shall be selected from recommendations made by the Governor of Florida; and

(3) two members representing the general public: *Provided*, That one member shall be appointed from each county in which the seashore is located.

**(b) Meetings; vacancies**

After the Secretary designates the member to be Chairman, the Commission may meet as often as necessary at the call of the Chairman or of the Secretary, or upon petition of a majority of the members of the Commission. Any vacancy in the Commission shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment was made.

**(c) Compensation; payment of expenses upon vouchers**

Members of the Commission shall serve without compensation, as such, but the Secretary may pay, upon vouchers signed by the Chairman, the expenses reasonably incurred by the Commission and its members in carrying out their responsibilities under this section.

(Pub. L. 93-626, § 6, Jan. 3, 1975, 88 Stat. 2124; Pub. L. 94-398, Sept. 4, 1976, 90 Stat. 1204.)

AMENDMENTS

1976—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 94-398 substituted “six members” for “five members” in introductory provisions and substituted “two” for “one” and inserted requirement relating to residency of each member in cl. (3).

**§ 459j-6. Transfer of lands for use as administrative and visitor facilities to Secretary of the Interior; use of portion of John F. Kennedy Space Center; transfer of excess land within seashore to Secretary of the Interior**

On January 3, 1975, those lands to be used for the administrative and visitor facilities described in section 459j-4(c)(1) of this title shall be transferred by sections 459j to 459j-8 of this title to the Secretary of the Interior and those portions of the John F. Kennedy Space Center falling within the boundaries of the seashore as defined in section 459j of this title shall become a part of the seashore, and within ninety days thereafter, the Administrator, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, shall grant to the Secretary for carrying out the intent and purpose of sections 459j to 459j-8 of this title such use of said portions as the Administrator determines is not inconsistent with public safety and the needs of the space and defense programs of the Nation. Notwithstanding any other

provision of law, any lands within the seashore which the Administrator determines to be excess to the needs of such agency shall be transferred to the Secretary of the Interior for administration in accordance with the provisions of sections 459j to 459j-8 of this title: *Provided*, That any portions of the John F. Kennedy Space Center within the seashore not transferred to the Secretary shall remain under the control and jurisdiction of the Administrator.

(Pub. L. 93-626, § 7, Jan. 3, 1975, 88 Stat. 2125.)

**§ 459j-7. Report to President**

Within three years from January 3, 1975, the Secretary shall review the area within the seashore and shall report to the President, in accordance with section 1132(c) and (d) of this title, his recommendations as to the suitability or unsuitability of any area within the seashore for preservation as wilderness, and any designation of any such areas as a wilderness shall be accomplished in accordance with section 1132(c) and (d) of this title.

(Pub. L. 93-626, § 8, Jan. 3, 1975, 88 Stat. 2125.)

**§ 459j-8. Authorization of appropriations; reports to Congressional committees**

**(a) Acquisition of lands and interests in lands**

There are hereby authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of sections 459j to 459j-8 of this title, but not more than \$7,941,000 for the acquisition of lands and interests in lands. In order to avoid excessive costs resulting from delays in the acquisition program, the Secretary shall make every reasonable effort to promptly acquire the privately owned lands within the seashore. Until all such lands are acquired, he shall report, in writing on June 30 of each year to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate and the Committee on Natural Resources of the House of Representatives, the following information:

(1) the amount of land acquired during the current fiscal year and the amount expended therefor;

(2) the amount of land remaining to be acquired; and

(3) the amount of land programmed for acquisition in the ensuing fiscal year and the estimated cost thereof.

**(b) Development of essential public facilities**

For the development of essential public facilities there are authorized to be appropriated \$2.6 million in addition to the sums previously appropriated.

(Pub. L. 93-626, § 9, Jan. 3, 1975, 88 Stat. 2125; Pub. L. 100-564, § 2, Oct. 31, 1988, 102 Stat. 2831; Pub. L. 103-437, § 6(m), Nov. 2, 1994, 108 Stat. 4586.)

AMENDMENTS

1994—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 103-437, § 6(m)(1), in introductory provisions substituted “Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate and the Committee on Natural Resources of the House of Representatives” for “Committees on Interior and Insular Affairs of the United States Congress”.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 103-437, § 6(m)(2), struck out at end “Within three years from January 3, 1975, the Sec-