

**§ 1438. Repealed. Pub. L. 100-627, title II, § 203(1), Nov. 7, 1988, 102 Stat. 3214**

Section, Pub. L. 92-532, title III, § 308, as added Pub. L. 98-498, title I, § 102, Oct. 19, 1984, 98 Stat. 2303, authorized appropriations for fiscal years 1985 to 1988.

**§ 1439. Regulations**

The Secretary may issue such regulations as may be necessary to carry out this chapter.

(Pub. L. 92-532, title III, § 308, formerly § 309, as added Pub. L. 98-498, title I, § 102, Oct. 19, 1984, 98 Stat. 2303; renumbered § 308, Pub. L. 100-627, title II, § 203(2), Nov. 7, 1988, 102 Stat. 3214; Pub. L. 106-513, § 9, Nov. 13, 2000, 114 Stat. 2387.)

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 308 of Pub. L. 92-532 was classified to section 1438 of this title, prior to repeal by section 203(1) of Pub. L. 100-627.

AMENDMENTS

2000—Pub. L. 106-513 amended section catchline and text generally. Prior to amendment, text read as follows: “If any provision of this Act or the application thereof to any person or circumstances is held invalid, the validity of the remainder of this Act and of the application of such provision to other persons and circumstances shall not be affected thereby.”

**§ 1440. Research, monitoring, and education**

**(a) In general**

The Secretary shall conduct, support, or coordinate research, monitoring, evaluation, and education programs consistent with subsections (b) and (c) of this section and the purposes and policies of this chapter.

**(b) Research and monitoring**

**(1) In general**

The Secretary may—

(A) support, promote, and coordinate research on, and long-term monitoring of, sanctuary resources and natural processes that occur in national marine sanctuaries, including exploration, mapping, and environmental and socioeconomic assessment;

(B) develop and test methods to enhance degraded habitats or restore damaged, injured, or lost sanctuary resources; and

(C) support, promote, and coordinate research on, and the conservation, curation, and public display of, the cultural, archeological, and historical resources of national marine sanctuaries.

**(2) Availability of results**

The results of research and monitoring conducted, supported, or permitted by the Secretary under this subsection shall be made available to the public.

**(c) Education**

**(1) In general**

The Secretary may support, promote, and coordinate efforts to enhance public awareness, understanding, and appreciation of national marine sanctuaries and the System. Efforts supported, promoted, or coordinated under this subsection must emphasize the conservation goals and sustainable public uses of national marine sanctuaries and the System.

**(2) Educational activities**

Activities under this subsection may include education of the general public, teachers, students, national marine sanctuary users, and ocean and coastal resource managers.

**(d) Interpretive facilities**

**(1) In general**

The Secretary may develop interpretive facilities near any national marine sanctuary.

**(2) Facility requirement**

Any facility developed under this subsection must emphasize the conservation goals and sustainable public uses of national marine sanctuaries by providing the public with information about the conservation, recreational, ecological, historical, cultural, archeological, scientific, educational, or esthetic qualities of the national marine sanctuary.

**(e) Consultation and coordination**

In conducting, supporting, and coordinating research, monitoring, evaluation, and education programs under subsection (a) of this section and developing interpretive facilities under subsection (d) of this section, the Secretary may consult or coordinate with Federal, interstate, or regional agencies, States or local governments.

(Pub. L. 92-532, title III, § 309, as added Pub. L. 100-627, title II, § 203(3), Nov. 7, 1988, 102 Stat. 3214; amended Pub. L. 102-587, title II, § 2108, Nov. 4, 1992, 106 Stat. 5045; Pub. L. 106-513, § 10, Nov. 13, 2000, 114 Stat. 2388.)

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 309 of Pub. L. 92-532 was renumbered section 308 and is classified to section 1439 of this title.

AMENDMENTS

2000—Pub. L. 106-513 amended section catchline and text generally. Prior to amendment, text read as follows:

“(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall conduct research, monitoring, evaluation, and education programs as are necessary and reasonable to carry out the purposes and policies of this chapter.

“(b) PROMOTION AND COORDINATION OF SANCTUARY USE.—The Secretary shall take such action as is necessary and reasonable to promote and coordinate the use of national marine sanctuaries for research, monitoring, and education purposes. Such action may include consulting with Federal agencies, States, local governments, regional agencies, interstate agencies, or other persons to promote use of one or more sanctuaries for research, monitoring, and education, including coordination with the National Estuarine Research Reserve System.”

1992—Pub. L. 102-587 amended section generally. Prior to amendment, section read as follows: “The Secretary shall take such action as is necessary to promote and coordinate the use of national marine sanctuaries for research purposes, including—

“(1) requiring that the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, in conducting or supporting marine research, give priority to research involving national marine sanctuaries; and

“(2) consulting with other Federal and State agencies to promote use by such agencies of one or more sanctuaries for marine research.”

**§ 1441. Special use permits**

**(a) Issuance of permits**

The Secretary may issue special use permits which authorize the conduct of specific activi-