

enhance conservation of neotropical migratory bird species.

(b) Advisory group

(1) In general

To assist in carrying out this chapter, the Secretary may convene an advisory group consisting of individuals representing public and private organizations actively involved in the conservation of neotropical migratory birds. The advisory group as a whole shall have expertise in the methods and procedures set forth in section 6103(2) of this title in each country and region of the Western Hemisphere¹

(2) Public participation

(A) Meetings

The advisory group shall—

- (i) ensure that each meeting of the advisory group is open to the public; and
- (ii) provide, at each meeting, an opportunity for interested persons to present oral or written statements concerning items on the agenda.

(B) Notice

The Secretary shall provide to the public timely notice of each meeting of the advisory group.

(C) Minutes

Minutes of each meeting of the advisory group shall be kept by the Secretary and shall be made available to the public.

(3) Exemption from Federal Advisory Committee Act

The Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.) shall not apply to the advisory group.

(Pub. L. 106-247, § 7, July 20, 2000, 114 Stat. 595; Pub. L. 109-363, title III, § 302(f)(1), Oct. 17, 2006, 120 Stat. 2076.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Federal Advisory Committee Act, referred to in subsec. (b)(3), is Pub. L. 92-463, Oct. 6, 1972, 86 Stat. 770, as amended, which is set out in the Appendix to Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.

AMENDMENTS

2006—Subsec. (b)(1). Pub. L. 109-363 inserted at end “The advisory group as a whole shall have expertise in the methods and procedures set forth in section 6103(2) of this title in each country and region of the Western Hemisphere”.

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Pub. L. 109-363, title III, § 302(f)(2), Oct. 17, 2006, 120 Stat. 2076, provided that: “The Secretary of the Interior is encouraged to convene an advisory group under section 7(b)(1) of such Act [Pub. L. 106-247, subsec. (b)(1) of this section] by not later than 6 months after the effective date of this Act [Oct. 17, 2006]. This paragraph shall not be considered to authorize delay of the schedule previously established by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service for the submission, judging, and awarding of grants.”

§ 6107. Report to Congress

Not later than 2 years after October 17, 2006, the Secretary shall submit to Congress a report

¹ So in original. Probably should be followed by a period.

on the results and effectiveness of the program carried out under this chapter, including recommendations concerning how the chapter might be improved and whether the program should be continued.

(Pub. L. 106-247, § 8, July 20, 2000, 114 Stat. 596; Pub. L. 109-363, title III, § 302(g), Oct. 17, 2006, 120 Stat. 2076.)

AMENDMENTS

2006—Pub. L. 109-363 substituted “2 years after October 17, 2006,” for “October 1, 2002.”

§ 6108. Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Fund

(a) Establishment

There is established in the Treasury a separate account, which shall be known as the “Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Fund”. The Fund shall consist of amounts deposited into the Fund by the Secretary of the Treasury under subsection (b).

(b) Deposits into the Fund

The Secretary of the Treasury shall deposit into the Fund—

- (1) all amounts received by the Secretary in the form of donations under subsection (d); and
- (2) other amounts appropriated to the Fund.

(c) Use

(1) In general

Subject to paragraph (2), the Secretary may use amounts in the Account,¹ without further Act of appropriation, to carry out this chapter.

(2) Administrative expenses

Of amounts in the Account¹ available for each fiscal year, the Secretary may expend not more than 3 percent or up to \$100,000, whichever is greater, to pay the administrative expenses necessary to carry out this chapter.

(d) Acceptance and use of donations

The Secretary may accept and use donations to carry out this chapter. Amounts received by the Secretary in the form of donations shall be transferred to the Secretary of the Treasury for deposit into the Fund.

(Pub. L. 106-247, § 9, July 20, 2000, 114 Stat. 596; Pub. L. 109-363, title III, § 302(h)(1), (2), (3)(B), Oct. 17, 2006, 120 Stat. 2076, 2077.)

AMENDMENTS

2006—Pub. L. 109-363, § 302(h)(1), substituted “Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Fund” for “Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Account” in section catchline.

Subsecs. (a), (b). Pub. L. 109-363, § 302(h)(1), added subsecs. (a) and (b) and struck out former subsecs. (a) and (b) which related to the establishment of and deposits into the Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Account.

Subsec. (c)(2). Pub. L. 109-363, § 302(h)(2), substituted “\$100,000” for “\$80,000”.

Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 109-363, § 302(h)(3)(B), substituted “Fund” for “Account”.

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