

(Aug. 8, 1956, ch. 1036, § 7, 70 Stat. 1122; Pub. L. 95-616, § 4, Nov. 8, 1978, 92 Stat. 3112; Pub. L. 97-347, § 2, Oct. 18, 1982, 96 Stat. 1652; Pub. L. 98-44, title I, § 103(a)(2), July 12, 1983, 97 Stat. 216; Pub. L. 98-498, title IV, § 430(2), Oct. 19, 1984, 98 Stat. 2310; Pub. L. 105-242, §§ 3, 4(b), (c), 5-7, Oct. 5, 1998, 112 Stat. 1574-1578; Pub. L. 108-327, §§ 2, 4, Oct. 16, 2004, 118 Stat. 1271; Pub. L. 111-357, §§ 2, 4(a), Jan. 4, 2011, 124 Stat. 3979, 3980.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

This Act, referred to in subsec. (b)(1), is act Aug. 8, 1956, ch. 1036, known as the Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956, which is classified generally to sections 742a to 742d and 742e to 742j-2 of this title. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 742a of this title and Tables.

The National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966, referred to in subsecs. (b)(2)(B)(ii) and (d)(2)(B), (C)(i), consists of sections 4 and 5 of Pub. L. 89-699, Oct. 15, 1966, 80 Stat. 927, and is classified to sections 668dd and 668ee of this title. For further details, see Short Title note set out under section 668dd of this title.

AMENDMENTS

2011—Subsec. (b)(2)(B)(ii). Pub. L. 111-357, § 2(b), substituted “National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966” for “National Wildlife Refuge Administration Act of 1966”.

Subsec. (d)(2)(C)(i). Pub. L. 111-357, § 2(b), substituted “National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966” for “National Wildlife Refuge Administration Act of 1966”.

Subsec. (f). Pub. L. 111-357, § 4(a)(2), added subsec. (f). Former subsec. (f) redesignated (g).

Pub. L. 111-357, § 2(a), amended subsec. (f) generally. Prior to amendment, text read as follows: “There is authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary of the Interior to carry out subsections (b), (c), (d), and (e) of this section \$2,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2004 through 2009.”

Subsec. (g). Pub. L. 111-357, § 4(a)(1), redesignated subsec. (f) as (g).

2004—Subsec. (d)(2)(A). Pub. L. 108-327, § 4, reenacted heading without change and amended text generally. Prior to amendment, text read as follows: “The Secretary of the Interior may enter into a cooperative agreement (within the meaning of chapter 63 of title 31) with any partner organization, academic institution, or State or local government agency to carry out 1 or more projects or programs for a refuge or complex of geographically related refuges in accordance with this subsection.”

Subsec. (f). Pub. L. 108-327, § 2, reenacted heading without change and amended text generally. Prior to amendment, text read as follows: “There is authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary of the Interior to carry out subsections (b), (c), (d), and (e) of this section \$2,000,000 for each of fiscal years 1999 through 2004.”

1998—Subsec. (b)(2). Pub. L. 105-242, § 3, inserted par. (2) heading, designated existing provisions as subpar. (A) and inserted heading, and added subpar. (B).

Subsec. (c)(2). Pub. L. 105-242, § 4(b), inserted “awards (including nominal cash awards) and recognition,” after “lodging,” and “without regard to their places of residence” after “volunteers”.

Subsec. (c)(6). Pub. L. 105-242, § 4(c), added par. (6) and struck out former par. (6) which read as follows: “There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this subsection \$100,000 for the Secretary of the Interior and \$50,000 for the Secretary of Commerce for each of the fiscal years 1980, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1985, and 1986.”

Subsecs. (d) to (f). Pub. L. 105-242, §§ 5-7, added subsecs. (d) to (f).

1984—Subsec. (c)(6). Pub. L. 98-498 substituted “1984, 1985, and 1986” for “and 1984”.

1983—Subsec. (c)(6). Pub. L. 98-44 substituted “, 1983, and 1984” for “and 1983”.

1982—Subsec. (c)(6). Pub. L. 97-347 substituted “1982 and 1983” for “and 1982”.

1978—Subsec. (a)(4). Pub. L. 95-616, § 4(1), reenacted existing provisions, substituting reference to fish resources for prior reference to fisheries resources and incorporated provisions of par. (5) relating to wildlife resources, substituting reference to acquisition by purchase or exchange of land and water for prior reference to acquisition of refuge lands.

Subsec. (a)(5). Pub. L. 95-616, § 4(1), struck out par. (5) relating to wildlife resources. See par. (4).

Subsecs. (b), (c). Pub. L. 95-616, § 4(3), added subsecs. (b) and (c).

TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

Transfer of functions to Secretary of Commerce from Secretary of the Interior by Reorg. Plan No. 4 of 1970, eff. Oct. 3, 1970, 35 F.R. 15627, 84 Stat. 2090, see note set out under section 742b of this title.

CONGRESSIONAL FINDINGS AND PURPOSES

Pub. L. 105-242, § 2, Oct. 5, 1998, 112 Stat. 1574, provided that:

“(a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—

“(1) the National Wildlife Refuge System (referred to in this Act [amending this section and enacting provisions set out as notes under this section and section 742a of this title] as the ‘System’), consisting of more than 500 refuges and 93,000,000 acres, plays an integral role in the protection of the natural resources of the United States;

“(2) the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997 (Public Law 105-57; 111 Stat. 1252) [see Tables for classification] significantly improved the law governing the System, although the financial resources for implementing this law and managing the System remain limited;

“(3) by encouraging volunteer programs and donations, and facilitating non-Federal partnerships with refuges, Federal funding for the refuges can be supplemented and the System can fully benefit from the amendments made by the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997; and

“(4) by encouraging refuge educational programs, public awareness of the resources of the System and public participation in the conservation of those resources can be promoted.

“(b) PURPOSES.—The purposes of this Act are—

“(1) to encourage the use of volunteers to assist the United States Fish and Wildlife Service in the management of refuges within the System;

“(2) to facilitate partnerships between the System and non-Federal entities to promote public awareness of the resources of the System and public participation in the conservation of those resources; and

“(3) to encourage donations and other contributions by persons and organizations to the System.”

PILOT PROJECTS

Pub. L. 105-242, § 4(a), Oct. 5, 1998, 112 Stat. 1575, as amended, formerly set out as a note under this section, was transferred and is classified to section 742f-1 of this title.

§ 742f-1. National Volunteer Coordination Program

(1) In general

Subject to the availability of appropriations, and in conformance with the strategy developed under paragraph (2) and consistent with the authorities regarding gifts, volunteer services, community partnerships, and refuge education enhancement under section 742f of this title, the Secretary of the Interior, through the Director of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, shall carry out a National Volunteer Coordination Program within the National Wildlife Refuge System to—

(A) augment and support the capabilities and efforts of Federal employees to implement resource management, conservation, and public education programs and activities across the National Wildlife Refuge System;

(B) provide meaningful opportunities for volunteers to support the resource management, conservation, and public education programs and activities of national wildlife refuges or complexes of geographically related national wildlife refuges in each United States Fish and Wildlife Service region; and

(C) fulfill the purpose and mission of the National Wildlife Refuge System under the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966 (16 U.S.C. 668dd et seq.).

(2) Volunteer coordination strategy

(A) In general

No later than one year after January 4, 2011, the Director shall publish in the Federal Register a national strategy for the coordination and utilization of volunteers within the National Wildlife Refuge System.

(B) Consultation required

The strategy shall be developed in consultation with State fish and wildlife agencies, Indian tribes, refuge friends groups or similar volunteer organizations, and other relevant stakeholders.

(C) Volunteer coordinators

The Director shall provide, subject to the availability of appropriations, no less than one regional volunteer coordinator for each United States Fish and Wildlife Service region to implement the strategy published under this paragraph. Such coordinators may be responsible for assisting partner organizations in developing and implementing volunteer projects and activities under cooperative agreements under section 742f(d) of this title.

(3) Authorization of appropriations

There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this subsection \$2,000,000 for each fiscal year through fiscal year 2014.

(Pub. L. 105-242, §4(a), Oct. 5, 1998, 112 Stat. 1575; Pub. L. 108-327, §3, Oct. 16, 2004, 118 Stat. 1271; Pub. L. 111-357, §§3, 4(b), Jan. 4, 2011, 124 Stat. 3979, 3981.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966, referred to in par. (1)(C), consists of sections 4 and 5 of Pub. L. 89-669, Oct. 15, 1966, 80 Stat. 927 and is classified to sections 668dd and 668ee of this title. For further details, see Short Title note set out under section 668dd of this title.

CODIFICATION

Section was formerly set out as a note under section 742f of this title.

AMENDMENTS

2011—Pub. L. 111-357, §3(1), substituted “National Volunteer Coordination Program” for “Projects” in section catchline.

Par. (1). Pub. L. 111-357, §3(2), amended par. (1) generally. Prior to amendment, text read as follows: “Subject to the availability of appropriations, the Secretary of the Interior shall carry out a project at 2 or more na-

tional wildlife refuges or complexes of geographically related refuges in each United States Fish and Wildlife Service region.”

Par. (2). Pub. L. 111-357, §3(3), amended par. (2) generally. Prior to amendment, text read as follows: “Each project shall provide for the employment of a full-time volunteer coordinator for the refuge or complex of geographically related refuges. The volunteer coordinator shall be responsible for recruiting, training, and supervising volunteers. The volunteer coordinator may be responsible for assisting partner organizations in developing projects and programs under cooperative agreements under section 742f(d) of this title and coordinating volunteer activities with partner organizations to carry out the projects and programs.”

Par. (3). Pub. L. 111-357, §4(b), redesignated par. (4) as (3) and struck out former par. (3) relating to reports.

Par. (4). Pub. L. 111-357, §4(b), redesignated par. (4) as (3).

Pub. L. 111-357, §3(4), substituted “for each fiscal year through fiscal year 2014” for “for for each fiscal year through fiscal year 2009”.

2004—Pub. L. 108-327, §3(1), struck out “Pilot” before “Projects” in section catchline.

Par. (1). Pub. L. 108-327, §3(2), (3), substituted “project” for “pilot project” and struck out “, but not more than 20 pilot projects nationwide” before period at end.

Par. (2). Pub. L. 108-327, §3(2), substituted “project” for “pilot project”.

Par. (3). Pub. L. 108-327, §3(4), substituted “after October 16, 2004, and every 3 years thereafter” for “after October 5, 1998” and “projects” for “pilot projects”.

Par. (4). Pub. L. 108-327, §3(5), substituted “for each fiscal year through fiscal year 2009” for “each of fiscal years 1999 through 2002”.

§ 742g. Cooperation with State Department

(a) Representation at international meetings

The Secretary shall cooperate to the fullest practicable extent with the Secretary of State in providing representation at all meetings and conferences relating to fish and wildlife in which representatives of the United States and foreign countries participate.

The Secretary of State shall designate the Secretary of the Interior or the Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife, or a person designated by the Secretary of the Interior to represent the Department of the Interior, as a member of the United States delegation attending such meetings and conferences and also as a member of the negotiating team of any such delegation.

(b) Consultation with officials responsible for technical and economic aid

The Secretary of State and all other officials having responsibilities in the fields of technical and economic aid to foreign nations shall consult with the Secretary in all cases in which the interests of fish and wildlife are involved, with a view to assuring that such interests are adequately represented at all times.

(c) International negotiations

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Secretary shall be represented in all international negotiations conducted by the United States pursuant to section 1351 of title 19, in any case in which fish products are directly affected by such negotiations.

(d) Consultation with governmental, private non-profit, and other organizations

The Secretary shall consult periodically with the various governmental, private nonprofit,