

§ 1287. Authorization of appropriations

There are hereby authorized to be appropriated, including such sums as have heretofore been appropriated, the following amounts for land acquisition for each of the rivers (described in section 1274(a) of this title):

Clearwater, Middle Fork, Idaho, \$2,909,800;
 Eleven Point, Missouri, \$10,407,000;
 Feather Middle Fork, California, \$3,935,700;
 Rio Grande, New Mexico, \$253,000;
 Rogue, Oregon, \$15,147,000;
 St. Croix, Minnesota and Wisconsin, \$21,769,000;
 Salmon Middle Fork, Idaho, \$1,837,000;
 Wolf, Wisconsin, \$142,150.

(Pub. L. 90-542, §17, formerly §16, Oct. 2, 1968, 82 Stat. 918; Pub. L. 93-279, §1(d), May 10, 1974, 88 Stat. 123; Pub. L. 94-273, §2(11), Apr. 21, 1976, 90 Stat. 375; Pub. L. 95-625, title VII, §§751-754, 763(c), Nov. 10, 1978, 92 Stat. 3532, 3533; renumbered Pub. L. 96-487, title VI, §606(a), Dec. 2, 1980, 94 Stat. 2416.)

AMENDMENTS

1978—Pub. L. 95-625, §§751-754, 763(c), increased appropriations authorization for the following rivers, substituting for:

Eleven Point, \$10,407,000 for \$4,906,500;
 Rogue, \$15,147,000 for \$12,447,200;
 Saint Croix, \$21,769,000 for \$11,768,550; and
 Salmon, \$1,837,000 for \$1,237,100; and

struck out subsec. (a) designation and subsec. (b) which provided for expiration of authority to make authorized appropriations on Sept. 30, 1979.

1976—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 94-273 substituted "September" for "June".

1974—Pub. L. 93-279 added subsecs. (a) and (b). Former unlettered provisions authorizing appropriation of amounts up to \$17,000,000 for the acquisition of lands and interests in land were struck out.

CHAPTER 29—WATER BANK PROGRAM FOR WETLANDS PRESERVATION

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§ 1301. Congressional declaration of policy; authority of Secretary

The Congress finds that it is in the public interest to preserve, restore, and improve the wetlands of the Nation, and thereby to conserve surface waters, to preserve and improve habitat for migratory waterfowl and other wildlife resources, to reduce runoff, soil and wind erosion, and contribute to flood control, to contribute to improved water quality and reduce stream sedimentation, to contribute to improved subsurface moisture, to reduce acres of new land coming into production and to retire lands now in agricultural production, to enhance the natural beauty of the landscape, and to promote comprehensive and total water management planning. The Secretary of Agriculture (hereinafter in this chapter referred to as the "Secretary") is authorized and directed to formulate and carry out a continuous program to prevent the serious loss of wetlands, and to preserve, restore, and improve such lands, which program shall begin on July 1, 1971.

(Pub. L. 91-559, §2, Dec. 19, 1970, 84 Stat. 1468.)

SHORT TITLE

Pub. L. 91-559, §1, Dec. 19, 1970, 84 Stat. 1468, provided: "That this Act [enacting this chapter] may be cited as the 'Water Bank Act'."

§ 1302. Conservation agreements to effectuate water bank program; duration and renewal; adjustment of payment rate for renewal period; "wetlands" defined; duration of ownership or control of land as determining eligibility for agreements; protection of and compensation for tenants and sharecroppers; participation by owner or operator in other Federal or State programs

In effectuating the water bank program authorized by this chapter, the Secretary shall have authority to enter into agreements with landowners and operators in important migratory waterfowl nesting and breeding areas for the conservation of water on specified farm, ranch, or other wetlands identified in a conservation plan developed in cooperation with the Soil and Water Conservation District in which the lands are located, under such rules and regulations as the Secretary may prescribe. These agreements shall be entered into for a period of ten years, with provision for renewal for additional periods of ten years each. The Secretary shall, beginning in 1980, reexamine the payment rates at the beginning of the fifth year of any such ten-year initial or renewal period and before the beginning of any renewal period, in the light of the then current land and crop values, and make needed adjustments in rates for any such initial or renewal period as provided in section 1304 of this title. In addition, the Secretary shall, beginning in 1980, reexamine the payment rates in any agreement that has been in effect for five years or more in the light of current land and crop values and make any needed adjustments in rates. As used in this chapter, the term "wetlands" means (1) the inland fresh areas described as types 1 through 7 in Circular 39, Wetlands of the United States, published by the United States Department of the Interior (or