

period beginning on the date of their establishment, unless, in the case of a committee established by the President or an officer of the Federal Government, such committee is renewed by appropriate action prior to the expiration of such 2-year period, or in the case of a committee established by the Congress, its duration is otherwise provided for by law. See section 14 of Pub. L. 92-463, Oct. 6, 1972, 86 Stat. 776, set out in the Appendix to Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.

### § 857-15. Reports

#### (a) In general

The Committee shall submit an annual report to the President and to the Congress setting forth an assessment, on a selective basis, of the status of the Nation's marine and atmospheric activities, and shall submit such other reports as may from time to time be requested by the President or the Congress.

#### (b) Review by Secretary

Each annual report shall also be submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, who shall, within 60 days after receipt thereof, transmit his or her comments and recommendations to the President and to the Congress.

#### (c) Annual report submittal

The annual report required under subsection (a) shall be submitted on or before June 30 of each year, beginning with June 30, 1978.

(Pub. L. 95-63, § 4, July 5, 1977, 91 Stat. 266.)

#### PRIOR PROVISIONS

A provision similar to that contained in this section, which required an annual report, beginning June 30, 1972, from the National Advisory Committee on Oceans and Atmosphere as originally established on Aug. 16, 1971, was contained in section 857-9 of this title prior to repeal by section 7(a) of Pub. L. 95-63.

#### TERMINATION OF REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

For termination, effective May 15, 2000, of provisions in subsec. (a) of this section relating to submitting an annual report to Congress and provisions in subsec. (b) of this section relating to annually transmitting comments and recommendations to Congress, see section 3003 of Pub. L. 104-66, as amended, set out as a note under section 1113 of Title 31, Money and Finance, and pages 50 and 177 of House Document No. 103-7.

#### TERMINATION OF ADVISORY COMMITTEES

Advisory committees established after Jan. 5, 1973, to terminate not later than the expiration of the 2-year period beginning on the date of their establishment, unless, in the case of a committee established by the President or an officer of the Federal Government, such committee is renewed by appropriate action prior to the expiration of such 2-year period, or in the case of a committee established by the Congress, its duration is otherwise provided for by law. See section 14 of Pub. L. 92-463, Oct. 6, 1972, 86 Stat. 776, set out in the Appendix to Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.

### § 857-16. Compensation and travel expenses

Members of the Committee shall each be entitled to receive compensation not to exceed the daily rate for a GS-18 for each day (including traveltime) during which they are engaged in the actual performance of the duties of the Committee. In addition, while away from their homes or regular places of business in the per-

formance of the duties of the Committee, each member of the Committee shall be allowed travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, in the same manner as persons employed intermittently in the Government service are allowed expenses under section 5703(b)<sup>1</sup> of title 5.

(Pub. L. 95-63, § 5, July 5, 1977, 91 Stat. 266; Pub. L. 97-87, § 1(2), Dec. 1, 1981, 95 Stat. 1134.)

#### REFERENCES IN TEXT

Section 5703 of title 5, referred to in text, was amended generally by Pub. L. 94-22, § 4, May 19, 1975, 89 Stat. 85, and, as so amended, does not contain a subsec. (b).

#### PRIOR PROVISIONS

A provision similar to that contained in this section, which authorized compensation and travel expenses for members of the National Advisory Committee on Oceans and Atmosphere as originally established on Aug. 16, 1971, was contained in section 857-10 of this title prior to repeal by section 7(a) of Pub. L. 95-63.

#### AMENDMENTS

1981—Pub. L. 97-87 substituted “not to exceed the daily rate for a GS-18” for “of \$100 per day”.

#### TERMINATION OF ADVISORY COMMITTEES

Advisory committees established after Jan. 5, 1973, to terminate not later than the expiration of the 2-year period beginning on the date of their establishment, unless, in the case of a committee established by the President or an officer of the Federal Government, such committee is renewed by appropriate action prior to the expiration of such 2-year period, or in the case of a committee established by the Congress, its duration is otherwise provided for by law. See section 14 of Pub. L. 92-463, Oct. 6, 1972, 86 Stat. 776, set out in the Appendix to Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.

#### REFERENCES IN OTHER LAWS TO GS-16, 17, OR 18 PAY RATES

References in laws to the rates of pay for GS-16, 17, or 18, or to maximum rates of pay under the General Schedule, to be considered references to rates payable under specified sections of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees, see section 529 [title I, § 101(c)(1)] of Pub. L. 101-509, set out in a note under section 5376 of Title 5.

### § 857-17. Interagency cooperation and assistance

#### (a) Liaison

The head of each department or agency of the Federal Government concerned with marine and atmospheric matters shall designate a senior policy official to participate as observer in the work of the Committee and offer necessary assistance.

#### (b) Agency assistance

The Committee is authorized to request from the head of any department, agency, or independent instrumentality of the Federal Government any information and assistance it deems necessary to carry out the functions assigned under sections 857-13 to 857-18 of this title. The head of each such department, agency, or instrumentality is authorized to cooperate with the Committee, and, to the extent permitted by law, to furnish such information and assistance to the Committee upon request made by the Chair-

<sup>1</sup> See References in Text note below.

man, without reimbursement for such services and assistance.

**(c) Administrative assistance**

The Secretary of Commerce shall make available to the Committee such staff, information, personnel, and administrative services and assistance as may reasonably be required to carry out the provisions of sections 857-13 to 857-18 of this title.

(Pub. L. 95-63, § 6, July 5, 1977, 91 Stat. 266.)

PRIOR PROVISIONS

Provisions similar to those contained in this section, which required the designation of senior policy officials as observers, directed the Secretary of Commerce to provide administrative assistance, and authorized requests for assistance from Federal agencies by the Federal Advisory Committee on Oceans and Atmosphere as originally established on Aug. 16, 1971, were contained in sections 857-8 and 857-11 of this title prior to repeal by section 7(a) of Pub. L. 95-63.

TERMINATION OF ADVISORY COMMITTEES

Advisory committees established after Jan. 5, 1973, to terminate not later than the expiration of the 2-year period beginning on the date of their establishment, unless, in the case of a committee established by the President or an officer of the Federal Government, such committee is renewed by appropriate action prior to the expiration of such 2-year period, or in the case of a committee established by the Congress, its duration is otherwise provided for by law. See section 14 of Pub. L. 92-463, Oct. 6, 1972, 86 Stat. 776, set out in the Appendix to Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.

**§ 857-18. Authorization of appropriations**

There are authorized to be appropriated for purposes of carrying out sections 857-13 to 857-18 of this title not to exceed \$520,000 for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1978, \$572,000 for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1979, \$565,000 for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1980, \$600,000 for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1981, and \$555,000 for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1982. Such sums as may be appropriated under this section shall remain available until expended.

(Pub. L. 95-63, § 8, July 5, 1977, 91 Stat. 267; Pub. L. 95-304, § 1(2), June 29, 1978, 92 Stat. 347; Pub. L. 96-26, June 21, 1979, 93 Stat. 74; Pub. L. 97-87, § 1(3), Dec. 1, 1981, 95 Stat. 1134.)

PRIOR PROVISIONS

Provisions similar to those contained in this section, which authorized appropriations, beginning with an authorization of \$200,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1972, for the operation of the National Advisory Committee on Oceans and Atmosphere as originally established on Aug. 16, 1971, were contained in section 857-12 of this title prior to repeal by section 7(a) of Pub. L. 95-63.

AMENDMENTS

1981—Pub. L. 97-87 inserted provisions authorizing appropriations of not to exceed \$555,000 for fiscal year ending Sept. 30, 1982, and provided that such sums as might be appropriated under authority of this section remain available until expended.

1979—Pub. L. 96-26 substituted provisions authorizing appropriations of \$565,000 for fiscal year ending Sept. 30, 1980, and \$600,000 for fiscal year ending Sept. 30, 1981, for provisions directing that sums appropriated under this section remain available until expended.

1978—Pub. L. 95-304 inserted provisions authorizing appropriations for fiscal year ending Sept. 30, 1979.

**§ 857-19. Biennial report**

Beginning in September, 2001, the President shall transmit to the Congress biennially a report that includes a detailed listing of all existing Federal programs related to ocean and coastal activities, including a description of each program, the current funding for the program, linkages to other Federal programs, and a projection of the funding level for the program for each of the next 5 fiscal years beginning after the report is submitted.

(Pub. L. 106-256, § 5, Aug. 7, 2000, 114 Stat. 648.)

NATIONAL OCEAN POLICY

Pub. L. 106-256, Aug. 7, 2000, 114 Stat. 644, as amended by Pub. L. 107-206, title I, § 206, Aug. 2, 2002, 116 Stat. 833; Pub. L. 107-372, title III, § 306, Dec. 19, 2002, 116 Stat. 3096, provided that:

“SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

“This Act may be cited as the ‘Oceans Act of 2000’.

“SEC. 2. PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES.

“The purpose of this Act is to establish a commission to make recommendations for coordinated and comprehensive national ocean policy that will promote—

“(1) the protection of life and property against natural and manmade hazards;

“(2) responsible stewardship, including use, of fishery resources and other ocean and coastal resources;

“(3) the protection of the marine environment and prevention of marine pollution;

“(4) the enhancement of marine-related commerce and transportation, the resolution of conflicts among users of the marine environment, and the engagement of the private sector in innovative approaches for sustainable use of living marine resources and responsible use of non-living marine resources;

“(5) the expansion of human knowledge of the marine environment including the role of the oceans in climate and global environmental change and the advancement of education and training in fields related to ocean and coastal activities;

“(6) the continued investment in and development and improvement of the capabilities, performance, use, and efficiency of technologies for use in ocean and coastal activities, including investments and technologies designed to promote national energy and food security;

“(7) close cooperation among all government agencies and departments and the private sector to ensure—

“(A) coherent and consistent regulation and management of ocean and coastal activities;

“(B) availability and appropriate allocation of Federal funding, personnel, facilities, and equipment for such activities;

“(C) cost-effective and efficient operation of Federal departments, agencies, and programs involved in ocean and coastal activities; and

“(D) enhancement of partnerships with State and local governments with respect to ocean and coastal activities, including the management of ocean and coastal resources and identification of appropriate opportunities for policy-making and decision-making at the State and local level; and

“(8) the preservation of the role of the United States as a leader in ocean and coastal activities, and, when it is in the national interest, the cooperation by the United States with other nations and international organizations in ocean and coastal activities.

“SEC. 3. COMMISSION ON OCEAN POLICY.

“(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is hereby established the Commission on Ocean Policy. The Federal Advisory