

read as follows: “The Secretary concerned may not approve of the reconveyance of real property under subsection (c) or grant the release of a covenant under subsection (d) until the Secretary notifies the appropriate committees of Congress of the proposed reconveyance or release and a period of 21 days elapses from the date the notification is received by the committees or, if earlier, a period of 14 days has elapsed from the date on which a copy of the notification is provided in an electronic medium pursuant to section 480 of this title.”

2011—Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 111-383 inserted before period at end “or, if earlier, a period of 14 days has elapsed from the date on which a copy of the notification is provided in an electronic medium pursuant to section 480 of this title”.

2006—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 109-364 substituted “Reversionary” for “Revisionary” in heading.

Subsec. (i)(2) to (4). Pub. L. 109-163 struck out par. (2), which defined “base closure law”, redesignated pars. (3) and (4) as (2) and (3), respectively, and, in par. (3), substituted “Guam, the Virgin Islands, and American Samoa” for “and the territories and possessions of the United States”.

§ 2694b. Participation in wetland mitigation banks

(a) **AUTHORITY TO PARTICIPATE.**—The Secretary of a military department, and the Secretary of Defense with respect to matters concerning a Defense Agency, when engaged in an authorized activity that may or will result in the destruction of, or an adverse impact to, a wetland, may make payments to a wetland mitigation banking program or “in-lieu-fee” mitigation sponsor approved in accordance with the Federal Guidance for the Establishment, Use and Operation of Mitigation Banks (60 Fed. Reg. 58605; November 28, 1995) or the Federal Guidance on the Use of In-Lieu-Fee Arrangements for Compensatory Mitigation Under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act and Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act (65 Fed. Reg. 66913; November 7, 2000), or any successor administrative guidance or regulation.

(b) **ALTERNATIVE TO CREATION OF WETLAND.**—Participation in a wetland mitigation banking program or consolidated user site under subsection (a) shall be in lieu of mitigating wetland impacts through the creation of a wetland on Federal property.

(c) **TREATMENT OF PAYMENTS.**—Payments made under subsection (a) to a wetland mitigation banking program or consolidated user site may be treated as eligible project costs for military construction.

(Added Pub. L. 108-136, div. A, title III, § 314(a)(1), Nov. 24, 2003, 117 Stat. 1430.)

§ 2694c. Participation in conservation banking programs

(a) **AUTHORITY TO PARTICIPATE.**—Subject to the availability of appropriated funds, the Secretary concerned, when engaged or proposing to engage in an activity described in subsection (b) that may or will result in an adverse impact to one or more species protected (or pending protection) under any applicable provision of law, or habitat for such species, may make payments to a conservation banking program or “in-lieu-fee” mitigation sponsor approved in accordance with—

- (1) the Federal Guidance for the Establishment, Use and Operation of Mitigation Banks (60 Fed. Reg. 58605; November 28, 1995);

- (2) the Guidance for the Establishment, Use, and Operation of Conservation Banks (68 Fed. Reg. 24753; May 2, 2003);

- (3) the Federal Guidance on the Use of In-Lieu-Fee Arrangements for Compensatory Mitigation Under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act and Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act (65 Fed. Reg. 66915; November 7, 2000); or

- (4) any successor or related administrative guidance or regulation.

(b) **COVERED ACTIVITIES.**—Payments to a conservation banking program or “in-lieu-fee” mitigation sponsor under subsection (a) may be made only for the purpose of facilitating one or more of the following activities:

- (1) Military testing, operations, training, or other military activity.
- (2) Military construction.

(c) **TREATMENT OF AMOUNTS FOR CONSERVATION BANKING.**—Payments made under subsection (a) to a conservation banking program or “in-lieu-fee” mitigation sponsor for the purpose of facilitating military construction may be treated as eligible costs of the military construction project.

(d) **SOURCE OF FUNDS.**—Amounts available from any of the following shall be available for activities under this section:

- (1) Operation and maintenance.
- (2) Military construction.
- (3) Research, development, test, and evaluation.

- (4) The Support for United States Relocation to Guam Account established under section 2824 of the Military Construction Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009 (division B of Public Law 110-417; 122 Stat. 4730; 10 U.S.C. 2687 note).

(e) **SECRETARY CONCERNED DEFINED.**—In this section, the term “Secretary concerned” means—

- (1) the Secretary of a military department; and
- (2) the Secretary of Defense with respect to a Defense Agency.

(Added Pub. L. 110-417, [div. A], title III, § 311(a), Oct. 14, 2008, 122 Stat. 4408; amended Pub. L. 111-84, div. A, title III, § 311, Oct. 28, 2009, 123 Stat. 2247; Pub. L. 111-383, div. A, title X, § 1075(b)(45), Jan. 7, 2011, 124 Stat. 4371.)

AMENDMENTS

2011—Subsec. (d)(4). Pub. L. 111-383 inserted “Authorization” after “Military Construction”.

2009—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 111-84, § 311(1), struck out “to carry out this section” after “appropriated funds” in introductory provisions.

Subsecs. (d), (e). Pub. L. 111-84, § 311(2), (3), added subsec. (d) and redesignated former subsec. (d) as (e).

EFFECTIVE DATE

Pub. L. 110-417, [div. A], title III, § 311(c), Oct. 14, 2008, 122 Stat. 4409, provided that: “Section 2694c of title 10, United States Code, as added by subsection (a), shall take effect on October 1, 2008, and only funds appropriated for fiscal years beginning after September 30, 2008, may be used to carry out such section.”