

**§ 459d-1. Acquisition of property****(a) Authority of Secretary; manner and place; concurrence of State owner; transfer from Federal agency to administrative jurisdiction of Secretary**

The Secretary of the Interior (hereinafter referred to as the "Secretary") is authorized to acquire by donation, purchase with donated or appropriated funds, condemnation, transfer from any Federal agency, exchange, or otherwise, the land, waters, and other property, and improvements thereon and any interest therein, within the areas described in section 459d of this title or which lie within the boundaries of the seashore as established under section 459d-2 of this title (hereinafter referred to as "such area"). Any property, or interest therein, owned by the State of Texas or political subdivision thereof may be acquired only with the concurrence of such owner. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any Federal property located within such area may, with the concurrence of the agency having custody thereof, be transferred without consideration to the administrative jurisdiction of the Secretary for use by him in carrying out the provisions of sections 459d to 459d-7 of this title.

**(b) Fair market value; appraisal**

The Secretary is authorized to pay for any acquisitions which he makes by purchase under sections 459d to 459d-7 of this title their fair market value, as determined by the Secretary, who may in his discretion base his determination on an independent appraisal obtained by him.

**(c) Exchange of property; cash equalization payments**

In exercising his authority to acquire property by exchange, the Secretary may accept title to any non-Federal property located within such area and convey to the grantor of such property any federally owned property under the jurisdiction of the Secretary within such area. The properties so exchanged shall be approximately equal in fair market value: *Provided*, That the Secretary may accept cash from or pay cash to the grantor in such an exchange in order to equalize the values of the properties exchanged.

(Pub. L. 87-712, § 2, Sept. 28, 1962, 76 Stat. 650.)

REVISION OF BOUNDARIES; ADDITION AND DELETION OF  
ACREAGE

Pub. L. 94-578, title I, §101(13), Oct. 21, 1976, 90 Stat. 2733, as amended Pub. L. 96-199, title I, §111, Mar. 5, 1980, 94 Stat. 70, provided in part that: "The Secretary of the Interior is authorized to revise the boundary of the seashore [Padre Island National Seashore, Texas] to add approximately two hundred and seventy-four acres and to delete approximately two thousand acres, and sections 302 and 303 of the Act of April 11, 1972 (86 Stat. 120, 121) [Pub. L. 92-272, which sections were not classified to the Code], shall apply to the boundary revision authorized herein."

**§ 459d-2. Establishment****(a) Notice in Federal Register**

As soon as practicable after September 28, 1962 and following the acquisition by the Secretary of an acreage in the area described in section

459d of this title, that is in the opinion of the Secretary efficiently administrable to carry out the purposes of sections 459d to 459d-7 of this title, the Secretary shall establish the area as a national seashore by the publication of notice thereof in the Federal Register.

**(b) Distribution of notice and map**

Such notice referred to in subsection (a) of this section shall contain a detailed description of the boundaries of the seashore which shall encompass an area as nearly as practicable identical to the area described in section 459d of this title. The Secretary shall forthwith after the date of publication of such notice in the Federal Register (1) send a copy of such notice, together with a map showing such boundaries, by registered or certified mail to the Governor of the State and to the governing body of each of the political subdivisions involved; (2) cause a copy of such notice and map to be published in one or more newspapers which circulate in each of the localities; and (3) cause a certified copy of such notice, a copy of such map, and a copy of sections 459d to 459d-7 of this title to be recorded at the registry of deeds for the county involved.

(Pub. L. 87-712, § 3, Sept. 28, 1962, 76 Stat. 651.)

**§ 459d-3. Reservation of oil, gas, and other minerals**

(a) When acquiring land, waters, or interests therein, the Secretary shall permit a reservation by the grantor of all or any part of the oil and gas minerals in such land or waters and of other minerals therein which can be removed by similar means, with the right of occupation and use of so much of the surface of the land or waters as may be required for all purposes reasonably incident to the mining or removal of such from beneath the surface of these lands and waters and the lands and waters adjacent thereto, under such regulations as may be prescribed by the Secretary with respect to such mining or removal.

(b) Any acquisition hereunder shall exclude and shall not diminish any right of occupation or use of the surface under grants, leases, or easements existing on April 11, 1961, which are reasonably necessary for the exploration, development, production, storing, processing, or transporting of oil and gas minerals that are removed from outside the boundaries of the national seashore and the Secretary may grant additional rights of occupation or use of the surface for the purposes aforesaid upon the terms and under such regulations as may be prescribed by him.

(Pub. L. 87-712, § 4, Sept. 28, 1962, 76 Stat. 651.)

**§ 459d-4. Administration; utilization of authority for conservation and management of natural resources**

Except as otherwise provided in sections 459d to 459d-7 of this title, the property acquired by the Secretary under such sections shall be administered by the Secretary, subject to the provisions of the Act entitled "An Act to establish a National Park Service and for other purposes", approved August 25, 1916 (39 Stat. 535),<sup>1</sup>

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