

graph (A) if a State is unable to use the entire amount of funding made available to the State under this Act.

“(2) ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES.—

“(A) DEFINITION OF ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSE.—In this paragraph, the term ‘administrative expense’ means, except as provided in subparagraph (B)(iii)(II), any expenditure relating to—

“(i) staffing and overhead, such as the rental of office space and the acquisition of office equipment; and

“(ii) the review, processing, and provision of applications for funding under the Program.

“(B) LIMITATION.—

“(i) IN GENERAL.—Not more than 6 percent of amounts made available to carry out this Act for each fiscal year may be used for Federal and State administrative expenses of carrying out this Act.

“(ii) FEDERAL AND STATE SHARES.—To the maximum extent practicable, of the amounts made available for administrative expenses under clause (i)—

“(I) 50 percent shall be provided to the State agencies provided assistance under the Program; and

“(II) an amount equal to the cost of 1 full-time equivalent Federal employee, as determined by the Secretary, shall be provided to the Federal agency carrying out the Program.

“(iii) STATE EXPENSES.—Amounts made available to States for administrative expenses under clause (i)—

“(I) shall be divided evenly among all States provided assistance under the Program; and

“(II) may be used by a State to provide technical assistance relating to the program, including any staffing expenditures (including staff travel expenses) associated with—

“(aa) arranging meetings to promote the Program to potential applicants;

“(bb) assisting applicants with the preparation of applications for funding under the Program; and

“(cc) visiting construction sites to provide technical assistance, if requested by the applicant.”

[Pub. L. 114-322, title III, § 4010(b)(7)(A), Dec. 16, 2016, 130 Stat. 1874, which directed the amendment of section 10(a) of Pub. L. 106-502, set out above, by substituting “\$15 million through 2021” for “\$25 million for each of fiscal years 2009 through 2015”, was executed by making the substitution for “\$25,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2009 through 2015” to reflect the probable intent of Congress.]

### § 777a. Definitions

For purposes of this chapter—

(1) the term “fish restoration and management projects” shall be construed to mean projects designed for the restoration and management of all species of fish which have material value in connection with sport or recreation in the marine and/or fresh waters of the United States and include—

(A) such research into problems of fish management and culture as may be necessary to efficient administration affecting fish resources;

(B) the acquisition of such facts as are necessary to guide and direct the regulation of fishing by law, including the extent of the fish population, the drain on the fish supply from fishing and/or natural causes, the necessity of legal regulation of fishing, and the effects of any measures of regulation that are applied;

(C) the formulation and adoption of plans of restocking waters with food and game fishes according to natural areas or districts to which such plans are applicable, together with the acquisition of such facts as are necessary to the formulation, execution, and testing the efficacy of such plans;

(D) the selection, restoration, rehabilitation, and improvement of areas of water or land adaptable as hatching, feeding, resting, or breeding places for fish, including acquisition by purchase, condemnation, lease, or gift of such areas or estates or interests therein as are suitable or capable of being made suitable therefor, and the construction thereon or therein of such works as may be necessary to make them available for such purposes, and such preliminary or incidental costs and expenses as may be incurred in and about such works; the term “State fish and game department” shall be construed to mean and include any department or division of department of another name, or commission, or official or officials, of a State empowered under its laws to exercise the functions ordinarily exercised by a State fish and game department;

(2) the term “outreach and communications program” means a program to improve communications with anglers, boaters, and the general public regarding angling and boating opportunities, to reduce barriers to participation in these activities, to advance adoption of sound fishing and boating practices, to promote conservation and the responsible use of the Nation’s aquatic resources, and to further safety in fishing and boating; and

(3) the term “aquatic resource education program” means a program designed to enhance the public’s understanding of aquatic resources and sportfishing, and to promote the development of responsible attitudes and ethics toward the aquatic environment.

(Aug. 9, 1950, ch. 658, § 2, 64 Stat. 431; July 2, 1956, ch. 489, § 3, 70 Stat. 473; Pub. L. 86-624, § 12, July 12, 1960, 74 Stat. 413; Pub. L. 105-178, title VII, § 7402(a), June 9, 1998, 112 Stat. 483.)

#### AMENDMENTS

1998—Pub. L. 105-178 inserted introductory provisions “For purposes of this chapter—”, designated existing provisions as par. (1), substituted “the term” for “For the purpose of this chapter the term”, redesignated subsecs. (a) to (d) as subpars. (A) to (D), respectively, of par. (1), substituted “department;” for “department.” at end of subpar. (D), realigned margins, and added pars. (2) and (3).

1960—Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 86-624 struck out provisions which defined “State” as including the several States and the Territory of Hawaii.

1956—Act July 2, 1956, included definition of “State”.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1956 AMENDMENT

Amendment by act July 2, 1956, as applicable only with respect to fiscal years beginning after July 2, 1956, see section 5 of act July 2, 1956, set out as a note under section 669a of this title.

### § 777b. Authorization of appropriations

To carry out the provisions of this chapter for fiscal years after September 30, 1984, there are authorized to be appropriated from the Sport

Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund established by section 9504(a) of title 26 the amounts paid, transferred, or otherwise credited to that Trust Fund, except as provided in section 9504(c) of title 26. For purposes of the provision of the Act of August 31, 1951, which refers to this section, such amounts shall be treated as the amounts that are equal to the revenues described in this section. The appropriation made under the provisions of this section for each fiscal year shall continue available during succeeding fiscal years. So much of such appropriation apportioned to any State for any fiscal year as remains unexpended at the close thereof is authorized to be made available for expenditure in that State until the close of the succeeding fiscal year. Any amount apportioned to any State under the provisions of this chapter which is unexpended or unobligated at the end of the period during which it is available for expenditure on any project is authorized to be made available for expenditure by the Secretary of the Interior to supplement the 58.012 percent of the balance of each annual appropriation to be apportioned among the States, as provided for in section 777c(c) of this title.

(Aug. 9, 1950, ch. 658, § 3, 64 Stat. 431; Pub. L. 98-369, div. A, title X, §1014(a)(2), July 18, 1984, 98 Stat. 1015; Pub. L. 99-514, § 2, Oct. 22, 1986, 100 Stat. 2095; Pub. L. 109-59, title X, §10112(a), (b)(1), Aug. 10, 2005, 119 Stat. 1927; Pub. L. 114-94, div. A, title X, §10001(a), Dec. 4, 2015, 129 Stat. 1619.)

#### REFERENCES IN TEXT

The provision of the Act of August 31, 1951, referred to in text, is set out as a note below.

#### AMENDMENTS

2015—Pub. L. 114-94 substituted “58.012 percent” for “57 percent”.

2005—Pub. L. 109-59 substituted “Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund” for “Sport Fish Restoration Account”, “that Trust Fund, except as provided in section 9504(c) of title 26” for “that Account”, “during succeeding fiscal years” for “during the succeeding fiscal year”, and “to supplement the 57 percent of the balance of each annual appropriation to be apportioned among the States, as provided for in section 777c(c) of this title” for “in carrying on the research program of the Fish and Wildlife Service in respect to fish of material value for sport and recreation”.

1986—Pub. L. 99-514 substituted “Internal Revenue Code of 1986” for “Internal Revenue Code of 1954”, which for purposes of codification was translated as “title 26” thus requiring no change in text.

1984—Pub. L. 98-369 substituted “To carry out the provisions of this chapter for fiscal years after September 30, 1984, there are authorized to be appropriated from the Sport Fish Restoration Account established by section 9504(a) of title 26 the amounts paid, transferred, or otherwise credited to that Account. For purposes of the provision of the Act of August 31, 1951, which refers to this section, such amounts shall be treated as the amounts that are equal to the revenues described in this section” for “To carry out the provisions of this chapter, there is hereby authorized to be appropriated an amount equal to the revenue accruing from tax imposed by section 3406 of the Internal Revenue Code, as heretofore or hereafter extended and amended, on fishing rods, creels, reels, and artificial lures, baits, and flies during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1951, and each fiscal year thereafter”.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2015 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 114-94 effective Oct. 1, 2015, see section 1003 of Pub. L. 114-94, set out as a note under section 5313 of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2005 AMENDMENTS

Pub. L. 109-74, title I, §101(b), Sept. 29, 2005, 119 Stat. 2030, provided that: “Except as provided by the amendments made by title II of this Act [amending section 777c of this title and section 13106 of Title 46, Shipping], during the period beginning on the date of the enactment of the Sportfishing and Recreational Boating Safety Act of 2005 [Aug. 10, 2005], and ending upon the expiration of fiscal year 2005, the provisions of law amended by the Sportfishing and Recreational Boating Safety Act of 2005 [see Short Title of 2005 Amendments note set out under section 777 of this title] (as amended by this Act) shall be considered to read as such laws read immediately before the enactment of that Act.”

Pub. L. 109-59, title X, §10102, as added by Pub. L. 109-74, title I, §101(a)(2), Sept. 29, 2005, 119 Stat. 2030, provided that: “The amendments made by this subtitle [subtitle A (§§10101-10143) of title X of Pub. L. 109-59, see Short Title of 2005 Amendments note set out under section 777 of this title] shall take effect October 1, 2005.”

Pub. L. 109-59, title X, §10112(b)(2), Aug. 10, 2005, 119 Stat. 1927, which provided that the amendments made by section 10112(b)(1) of Pub. L. 109-59 (amending this section) would take effect on Oct. 1, 2005, was repealed by Pub. L. 109-74, title I, §101(a)(1), Sept. 29, 2005, 119 Stat. 2030. See section 10102 of Pub. L. 109-59, set out above.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1984 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 98-369 effective Oct. 1, 1984, and applicable with respect to fiscal years beginning after Sept. 30, 1984, see section 1014(b) of Pub. L. 98-369, set out as a note under section 777 of this title.

#### 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 777 of this title.

#### AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS UNTIL EXPENDED

Act Aug. 31, 1951, ch. 375, title I, §101, 65 Stat. 262, provided that: “For carrying out the provisions of the Act of August 9, 1950 (Public Law 681) [this chapter], amounts equal to the revenues described in section 3 of said Act [this section] and credited during the next preceding fiscal year and each fiscal year thereafter, to remain available until expended.”

### § 777c. Division of annual appropriations

#### (a) In general

For each fiscal year through fiscal year 2021, the balance of each annual appropriation made in accordance with the provisions of section 777b of this title remaining after the distributions for administrative expenses and other purposes under subsection (b) and for activities under section 777m(e) of this title shall be distributed as follows:

##### (1) Coastal wetlands

An amount equal to 18.673 percent to the Secretary of the Interior for distribution as provided in the Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection,<sup>1</sup> and Restoration Act (16 U.S.C. 3951 et seq.).

<sup>1</sup> So in original. The comma probably should not appear.