

(ii) arrange with foreign nations for the exchange of information relating to aquaculture and support a translation service, and

(iii) conduct a study of the extent to which the United States aquaculture industry has access to relevant Federal programs which assist the agricultural sector and report to Congress on the findings of such study by December 31, 1986;

(C) the Secretary of Commerce shall conduct a study, and report to Congress thereon by December 31, 1987, to determine whether existing capture fisheries could be adversely affected by competition from products produced by commercial aquacultural enterprises and include in such study an assessment of any adverse effect, by species and by geographical region, on such fisheries and recommend measures to ameliorate any such effect; and

(D) the Secretary of the Interior, in consultation with the Secretary of Commerce, shall undertake a study, and report to Congress thereon by December 31, 1987, to identify exotic species introduced into the United States waters as a result of aquaculture activities, and to determine the potential benefits and impacts of the introduction of exotic species.

(2) Any production information submitted to the Secretaries under paragraph (1)(A) shall be confidential and may only be disclosed if required under court order. The Secretaries shall preserve such confidentiality. The Secretaries may release or make public any information in any aggregate or summary form that does not directly or indirectly disclose the identity, business transactions, or trade secrets of any person who submits such information.

(d) Biennial report

The Secretary, through the coordinating group and in consultation with the Secretary of Commerce and the Secretary of the Interior,¹ shall prepare on a biennial basis, and submit to Congress, a report on the status of aquaculture in the United States. Such report shall contain a description and evaluation of the actions undertaken with respect to the Plan during the reporting period, an explanation of any revisions made to the Plan during the reporting period, and such other comments and recommendations as the Secretary deems appropriate. The report required by this subsection shall be submitted to the Congress not later than February 1, 1988.

(Pub. L. 96-362, § 5, Sept. 26, 1980, 94 Stat. 1201; Pub. L. 96-561, title II, § 238(b), Dec. 22, 1980, 94 Stat. 3300; Pub. L. 99-198, title XVII, § 1735, Dec. 23, 1985, 99 Stat. 1642; Pub. L. 104-208, div. A, title I, § 101(a) [title II, § 211(b)], Sept. 30, 1996, 110 Stat. 3009, 3009-41.)

AMENDMENTS

1996—Subsec. (a)(2). Pub. L. 104-208 made technical amendment to reference in original act which appears in text as reference to section 1852 of this title.

1985—Subsec. (c)(1). Pub. L. 99-198, § 1735(1), amended par. (1) generally. Prior to amendment, par. (1) pro-

vided that in addition to performing such other required functions under this chapter, the Secretaries shall (A) establish and maintain an information service for the collection, analysis, and dissemination of scientific, technical, legal, and economic information relating to aquaculture; (B) conduct appropriate surveys, in coordination with other Federal departments and agencies, of public and private aquacultural activities being conducted in the United States for the purpose of acquiring information on acreages, water use, production, culture techniques, and other relevant matters; (C) arrange with foreign nations for the exchange of information relating to aquaculture and support a translation service; (D) conduct a continuing study to determine whether existing capture fisheries could be adversely affected by competition from products produced by commercial aquacultural enterprises and include in such study (i) an assessment of any adverse effect, by species and by geographical region, on such fisheries, and (ii) recommended measures to ameliorate any such effect; and (E) report to Congress on the findings of the study conducted under subparagraph (D) in the biennial status report required under subsection (d) of this section.

Subsec. (c)(2). Pub. L. 99-198, § 1735(1), amended par. (2) generally, substituting “The Secretaries shall preserve such confidentiality” for “The Secretaries shall prescribe such procedures as may be necessary to preserve such confidentiality”.

Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 99-198, § 1735(2), substituted “Secretary” for “Secretaries” wherever appearing; inserted “and in consultation with the Secretary of Commerce and the Secretary of the Interior,” after “the coordinating group” in first sentence; struck out “under section 2803(d) of this title” after “revisions made to the Plan”, and substituted “Such” for “Each such”, substituted “deems appropriate” for “deem appropriate” in second sentence; and substituted “The report required by this subsection shall be submitted to the Congress not later than February 1, 1988” for “The first report required under this subsection shall be submitted to Congress by September 30, 1981”.

1980—Subsec. (a)(2). Pub. L. 96-561 made technical amendment to reference in original act which appears in text as reference to section 1852 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1996 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 104-208, div. A, title I, § 101(a) [title II, § 211(b)], Sept. 30, 1996, 110 Stat. 3009, 3009-41, provided that the amendment made by that section is effective 15 days after Oct. 11, 1996.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1980 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 96-561, title II, § 238(b), Dec. 22, 1980, 94 Stat. 3300, provided that the amendment made by that section is effective 15 days after Dec. 22, 1980.

COLLECTION OF FEES FOR TRIPLOID GRASS CARP CERTIFICATION INSPECTIONS

Pub. L. 104-40, § 1, Nov. 1, 1995, 109 Stat. 350, provided: “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Director of the Fish and Wildlife Service (referred to in this section as the ‘Director’), may charge reasonable fees for expenses to the Federal Government for triploid grass carp certification inspections requested by a person who owns or operates an aquaculture facility.

“(b) AVAILABILITY.—All fees collected under subsection (a) shall be available to the Director until expended, without further appropriations.

“(c) USE.—The Director shall use all fees collected under subsection (a) to carry out the activities referred to in subsection (a).”

§ 2805. Coordination of national activities regarding aquaculture

(a) Establishment

There is established within the Office of Science and Technology Policy an interagency

¹ So in original.

aquaculture coordinating group that shall, subject to subsection (f), operate as a Joint Subcommittee on Aquaculture of the Federal Coordinating Council on Science, Engineering, and Technology (hereinafter in this section referred to as the "Federal Council") established by Executive Order 12039, dated February 24, 1978. The coordinating group shall be composed of the following members or their designees:

- (1) The Secretary of Agriculture, who shall be the permanent chairman of the coordinating group.
- (2) The Secretary of Commerce.
- (3) The Secretary of the Interior.
- (4) The Secretary of Energy.
- (5) The Secretary of Health and Human Services.
- (6) The Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.
- (7) The Chief of Engineers.
- (8) The Administrator of the Small Business Administration.
- (9) The Administrator of the Agency for International Development.
- (10) The Chairman of the Tennessee Valley Authority.
- (11) The Director of the National Science Foundation.
- (12) The Governor of the Farm Credit Administration.
- (13) The heads of such other Federal agencies as are deemed appropriate by the Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy (hereinafter in this section referred to as the "Director"), after consultation with the coordinating group.

(b) Purpose and functions

The purpose of the coordinating group is to increase the overall effectiveness and productivity of Federal aquaculture research, transfer, and assistance programs. In fulfilling this purpose the coordinating group shall—

- (1) review the national needs for aquaculture research, transfer, and assistance;
- (2) assess the effectiveness and adequacy of Federal efforts to meet those national needs;
- (3) undertake planning, coordination, and communication among Federal agencies engaged in the science, engineering, and technology of aquaculture;
- (4) collect, compile, and disseminate information on aquaculture;
- (5) encourage joint programs among Federal agencies in areas of mutual interest; and
- (6) recommend to the Federal Council specific actions on issues, problems, plans, and programs in aquaculture.

(c) Reports

The coordinating group shall regularly report to the Chairman of the Federal Council on the coordinating group's activities and on recommendations concerning Federal policies and programs related to aquaculture.

(d) Federal consistency

Each Federal department and agency that has functions or responsibilities with respect to aquaculture or has jurisdiction over any activity that affects, or that may affect, the achievement of the purpose and policy of this chapter,

shall, in consultation with the coordinating group and to the maximum extent practicable, perform such function, responsibility, or activity in a manner that is consistent with the purpose and policy of this chapter.

(e) Functions if Federal Council terminated

If at any time after September 26, 1980, the functions of the Federal Council are by executive action terminated or transferred to an agency other than the Office of Science and Technology Policy, the coordinating group shall carry out its purpose under the direction of the Director. In that event, the recommendations of the coordinating group referred to in subsection (b)(6) and the reports required under subsection (c) shall be made to the Director.

(Pub. L. 96-362, § 6, Sept. 26, 1980, 94 Stat. 1203; Pub. L. 99-198, title XVII, § 1736, Dec. 23, 1985, 99 Stat. 1643.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

Executive Order 12039, dated February 24, 1978, referred to in subsec. (a), is Ex. Ord. No. 12039, Feb. 24, 1978, 43 F.R. 8095, which is set out as a note under section 6601 of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare.

AMENDMENTS

1985—Subsec. (a)(1). Pub. L. 99-198, § 1736(1), inserted "who shall be the permanent chairman of the coordinating group".

Subsecs. (c) to (f). Pub. L. 99-198, § 1736(2)-(4), struck out subsec. (c) which provided that each of the Secretaries or their designees, on such rotating basis as determined by the Director, shall serve as the chairman of the coordinating group, with the term of office of the chairman set at two years, redesignated subsecs. (d) to (f) as (c) to (e), respectively, and in subsec. (e), as redesignated, substituted "subsection (c)" for "subsection (d)".

§ 2806. Contracts and grants

(a) In general

The Secretaries may each carry out any action that such Secretary is responsible for implementing under the Plan through grants to, or contracts with, any person, any other Federal department or agency, any State agency, or any regional commission.

(b) Terms and conditions

Any contract entered into, or any grant made, under subsection (a) shall contain such terms and conditions as the Secretary concerned shall by regulation prescribe as being necessary or appropriate to protect the interests of the United States. No contract may be entered into, and no grant may be made under subsection (a), for any purpose that is in violation of any applicable State or local law.

(c) Limitation

The amount of any grant made under subsection (a) may not exceed an amount equal to one-half the estimated cost of the project for which the grant is made.

(d) Audit

Each recipient of a grant or contract under this section shall make available to the Secretary concerned and to the Comptroller General of the United States, for purposes of audit and examination, any book, document, paper, or