

paragraph are most promising with respect to preventing and reducing the dispersal of aquatic nuisance species; and

(ii) ways to incorporate those methods into ongoing operations of the United States Army Corps of Engineers that are conducted at the Chicago River Ship and Sanitary Canal.

(C) Authorization of appropriations

There are authorized to be appropriated to the Department of the Army such sums as are necessary to carry out the dispersal barrier demonstration project directed by this paragraph.

(4) Contributions

To the extent allowable by law, in carrying out the studies under paragraphs (2) and (3), the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency and the Secretary of the Army may enter into an agreement with an interested party under which that party provides in kind or monetary contributions for the study.

(5) Technical assistance

The Great Lakes Environmental Research Laboratory of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration shall provide technical assistance to appropriate entities to assist in the research conducted pursuant to this subsection.

(j) Implementation

(1) Regulations

The Director, the Secretary, and the Under Secretary may issue such rules and regulations as may be necessary to implement this section.

(2) Participation of others

The Task Force shall provide opportunities for affected Federal agencies which are not part of the Task Force, State and local government agencies, and regional and other entities with the necessary expertise to participate in control programs. If these other agencies or entities have sufficient authority or jurisdiction and expertise and where this will be more efficient or effective, responsibility for implementing all or a portion of a control program may be delegated to such agencies or entities.

(k) Reports

(1) Not later than 12 months after November 29, 1990, the Task Force shall submit a report describing the program developed under subsection (a), including the research protocol required under subsection (f)(2), to the Congress.

(2) On an annual basis after the submission of the report under paragraph (1), the Task Force shall submit a report to the Congress detailing progress in carrying out this section.

(Pub. L. 101-646, title I, §1202, Nov. 29, 1990, 104 Stat. 4766; Pub. L. 104-332, §2(e)(3), (4), (g), (h)(1), Oct. 26, 1996, 110 Stat. 4085, 4087, 4091; Pub. L. 109-234, title II, §2309, June 15, 2006, 120 Stat. 457.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

This chapter, referred to in subsecs. (e)(1) and (f)(3), was in the original "this Act", which, to reflect the

probable intent of Congress, was translated as reading "this title" meaning title I of Pub. L. 101-646, Nov. 29, 1990, 104 Stat. 4761, known as the Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance Prevention and Control Act of 1990, which is classified principally to this chapter. For complete classification of title I to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 4701 of this title and Tables.

AMENDMENTS

2006—Subsec. (i)(3)(C). Pub. L. 109-234 substituted "such sums as are necessary to carry out the dispersal barrier demonstration project directed by this paragraph" for " , to carry out this paragraph, \$750,000".

1996—Pub. L. 104-332, §2(h)(1), made technical amendment to Pub. L. 101-646, §1202, which enacted this section.

Subsec. (f)(1)(A). Pub. L. 104-332, §2(e)(3)(A), inserted "and impacts" after "economic risks".

Subsec. (i). Pub. L. 104-332, §2(e)(3)(B), designated existing provisions as par. (1), redesignated former pars. (1) and (2) as subpars. (A) and (B), respectively, and former subpars. (A) to (D) of par. (1) as cls. (i) to (iv), respectively, of subpar. (A), inserted new par. (1) heading, substituted "The Assistant Secretary, in consultation with the Task Force, shall develop a program of research, technology development, and demonstration for the environmentally sound control of zebra mussels in and around public facilities." for "The Assistant Secretary, in consultation with the Task Force, shall develop a program of research and technology development for the environmentally sound control of zebra mussels in and around public facilities." in subpar. (B), and added subpar. (C) and pars. (2) to (5).

Subsec. (j)(1). Pub. L. 104-332, §2(e)(4), substituted "The Director, the Secretary," for "Not later than 18 months after November 29, 1990, the Director".

Subsec. (k). Pub. L. 104-332, §2(g), substituted "Congress" for "appropriate Committees" in pars. (1) and (2).

§ 4723. Regional coordination

(a) Great Lakes panel

(1) In general

Not later than 30 days following November 29, 1990, the Task Force shall request that the Great Lakes Commission (established under Article IV of the Great Lakes Compact to which the Congress granted consent in the Act of July 24, 1968, P.L. 90-419) convene a panel of Great Lakes region representatives from Federal, State and local agencies and from private environmental and commercial interests to—

(A) identify priorities for the Great Lakes region with respect to aquatic nuisance species;

(B) make recommendations to the Task Force regarding programs to carry out section 4722(i) of this title;

(C) assist the Task Force in coordinating Federal aquatic nuisance species program activities in the Great Lakes region;

(D) coordinate, where possible, aquatic nuisance species program activities in the Great Lakes region that are not conducted pursuant to this chapter;

(E) provide advice to public and private individuals and entities concerning methods of controlling aquatic nuisance species; and

(F) submit annually a report to the Task Force describing activities within the Great Lakes region related to aquatic nuisance species prevention, research,¹ control.

¹ So in original. Probably should be followed by "and".

(2) Consultation

The Task Force shall request that the Great Lakes Fishery Commission provide information to the panel convened under this subsection on technical and policy matters related to the international fishery resources of the Great Lakes.

(3) Canadian participation

The panel convened under this subsection is encourage² to invite representatives from the Federal, provincial or territorial governments of Canada to participate as observers.

(b) Western regional panel

Not later than 30 days after October 26, 1996, the Task Force shall request a Western regional panel, comprised of Western region representatives from Federal, State, and local agencies and from private environmental and commercial interests, to—

(1) identify priorities for the Western region with respect to aquatic nuisance species;

(2) make recommendations to the Task Force regarding an education, monitoring (including inspection), prevention, and control program to prevent the spread of the zebra mussel west of the 100th Meridian pursuant to section 4722(i) of this title;

(3) coordinate, where possible, other aquatic nuisance species program activities in the Western region that are not conducted pursuant to this chapter;

(4) develop an emergency response strategy for Federal, State, and local entities for stemming new invasions of aquatic nuisance species in the region;

(5) provide advice to public and private individuals and entities concerning methods of preventing and controlling aquatic nuisance species infestations; and

(6) submit annually a report to the Task Force describing activities within the Western region related to aquatic nuisance species prevention, research, and control.

(c) Additional regional panels

The Task Force shall—

(1) encourage the development and use of regional panels and other similar entities in regions in addition to the Great Lakes and Western regions (including providing financial assistance for the development and use of such entities) to carry out, with respect to those regions, activities that are similar to the activities described in subsections (a) and (b); and

(2) cooperate with regional panels and similar entities that carry out the activities described in paragraph (1).

(Pub. L. 101-646, title I, §1203, Nov. 29, 1990, 104 Stat. 4769; Pub. L. 104-332, §2(e)(5), (h)(1), Oct. 26, 1996, 110 Stat. 4087, 4091.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

Act of July 24, 1968, referred to in subsec. (a)(1), is Pub. L. 90-419, July 24, 1968, 82 Stat. 414, which is not classified to the Code.

This chapter, referred to in subsecs. (a)(1)(D) and (b)(3), was in the original “this Act”, which, to reflect the probable intent of Congress, was translated as read-

ing “this title” meaning title I of Pub. L. 101-646, Nov. 29, 1990, 104 Stat. 4761, known as the Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance Prevention and Control Act of 1990, which is classified principally to this chapter. For complete classification of title I to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 4701 of this title and Tables.

AMENDMENTS

1996—Pub. L. 104-332, §2(h)(1), made technical amendment to Pub. L. 101-646, §1203, which enacted this section.

Pub. L. 104-332, §2(e)(5)(A), substituted “Regional” for “Great Lakes regional” in section catchline.

Pub. L. 104-332, §2(e)(5)(B)-(F), designated existing provisions as subsec. (a) and inserted subsec. heading, redesignated former subsec. (a) as par. (1), and former pars. (1) to (6) as subpars. (A) to (F), respectively, of par. (1), in par. (1) inserted “region” before “representatives” in introductory provisions and after “Great Lakes” in subpars. (A), (C), (D), and (F), redesignated subsecs. (b) and (c) as pars. (2) and (3), respectively, of subsec. (a), substituted “this subsection” for “this section” in those pars., and added subsecs. (b) and (c).

§ 4724. State aquatic nuisance species management plans**(a) State or interstate invasive species management plans****(1) In general**

After providing notice and opportunity for public comment, the Governor of each State may prepare and submit, or the Governors of the States and the governments of the Indian tribes involved in an interstate organization, may jointly prepare and submit—

(A) a comprehensive management plan to the Task Force for approval which identifies those areas or activities within the State or within the interstate region involved, other than those related to public facilities, for which technical, enforcement, or financial assistance (or any combination thereof) is needed to eliminate or reduce the environmental, public health, and safety risks associated with aquatic nuisance species, particularly the zebra mussel; and

(B) a public facility management plan to the Assistant Secretary for approval which is limited solely to identifying those public facilities within the State or within the interstate region involved for which technical and financial assistance is needed to reduce infestations of zebra mussels.

(2) Content

Each plan shall, to the extent possible, identify the management practices and measures that will be undertaken to reduce infestations of aquatic nuisance species. Each plan shall—

(A) identify and describe State and local programs for environmentally sound prevention and control of the target aquatic nuisance species;

(B) identify Federal activities that may be needed for environmentally sound prevention and control of aquatic nuisance species and a description of the manner in which those activities should be coordinated with State and local government activities;

(C) identify any authority that the State (or any State or Indian tribe involved in the interstate organization) does not have at the

²So in original. Probably should be “encouraged”.