

to chapter 5B (§669 et seq.) of this title. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 669 of this title and Tables.

The Federal Aid in Fish Restoration Act, as amended, referred to in text, is act Aug. 9, 1950, ch. 658, 64 Stat. 430, also known as the Dingell-Johnson Sport Fish Restoration Act and the Fish Restoration and Management Projects Act, which is classified generally to chapter 10B (§777 et seq.) of this title. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 777 of this title and Tables.

The Commercial Fisheries Research and Development Act of 1964, referred to in text, is Pub. L. 88-309, May 20, 1964, 78 Stat. 197, which was classified generally to chapter 10D (§779 et seq.) of this title and was repealed by Pub. L. 99-659, title III, §309, Nov. 14, 1986, 100 Stat. 3736.

The Anadromous and Great Lakes Fisheries Conservation Act of October 30, 1965, referred to in text, probably means the Anadromous Fish Conservation Act, Pub. L. 89-304, Oct. 30, 1965, 79 Stat. 1125, which is classified generally to sections 757a to 757g of this title. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 757a of this title and Tables.

AMENDMENTS

2014—Pub. L. 113-287 substituted “chapter 2003 of title 54” for “the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 (78 Stat. 897)”.

**§ 1226. Federal agency authority to carry out Federal project within an estuary unaffected**

Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to affect the authority of any Federal agency to carry out any Federal project heretofore or hereafter authorized within an estuary.

(Pub. L. 90-454, §6, Aug. 3, 1968, 82 Stat. 628.)

**CHAPTER 27—NATIONAL TRAILS SYSTEM**

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**§ 1241. Congressional statement of policy and declaration of purpose**

**(a) Considerations for determining establishment of trails**

In order to provide for the ever-increasing outdoor recreation needs of an expanding population and in order to promote the preservation of, public access to, travel within, and enjoyment and appreciation of the open-air, outdoor areas and historic resources of the Nation, trails should be established (i) primarily, near the urban areas of the Nation, and (ii) secondarily, within scenic areas and along historic travel routes of the Nation, which are often more remotely located.

**(b) Initial components**

The purpose of this chapter is to provide the means for attaining these objectives by instituting a national system of recreation, scenic and historic trails, by designating the Appalachian Trail and the Pacific Crest Trail as the initial components of that system, and by prescribing the methods by which, and standards according to which, additional components may be added to the system.

**(c) Volunteer citizen involvement**

The Congress recognizes the valuable contributions that volunteers and private, nonprofit trail groups have made to the development and maintenance of the Nation’s trails. In recognition of these contributions, it is further the purpose of this chapter to encourage and assist volunteer citizen involvement in the planning, development, maintenance, and management, where appropriate, of trails.

(Pub. L. 90-543, §2, Oct. 2, 1968, 82 Stat. 919; Pub. L. 95-625, title V, §551(1)-(3), Nov. 10, 1978, 92 Stat. 3511; Pub. L. 98-11, title II, §202, Mar. 28, 1983, 97 Stat. 42.)

AMENDMENTS

1983—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 98-11, §202(1), substituted “The” for “the” before “purpose”.

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 98-11, §202(2), added subsec. (c).

1978—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 95-625, §551(1), (2), inserted “the preservation of,” and “and historic resources” after “promote” and “outdoor areas” and substituted “within scenic areas and along historic travel routes of the Nation, which are often more remotely located” for “within established scenic areas more remotely located”.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 95-625, §551(3), substituted “, scenic and historic” for “and scenic”.

SHORT TITLE OF 2006 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 109-432, div. C, title III, §302, Dec. 20, 2006, 120 Stat. 3028, provided that: “This title [enacting provisions set out as a note under section 1244 of this title and enacting and amending provisions listed in a table of Wilderness Areas set out under section 1132 of this title] may be cited as the ‘White Pine County Conservation, Recreation, and Development Act of 2006’.”

Pub. L. 109-418, §1, Dec. 19, 2006, 120 Stat. 2882, provided that: “This Act [amending sections 81f and 1244 of this title] may be cited as the ‘Captain John Smith Chesapeake National Historic Trail Designation Act’.”

SHORT TITLE OF 2004 AMENDMENTS

Pub. L. 108-424, §2(a), Nov. 30, 2004, 118 Stat. 2403, provided that: “This Act [enacting provisions set out as a note under section 1244 of this title and provisions listed in a table of Wilderness Areas set out under section 1132 of this title and amending provisions listed in a table of National Wildlife Conservation Areas set out under section 668dd of this title] may be cited as the ‘Lincoln County Conservation, Recreation, and Development Act of 2004’.”

Pub. L. 108-342, §1, Oct. 18, 2004, 118 Stat. 1370, provided that: “This Act [amending section 1244 of this title] may be cited as the ‘El Camino Real de los Tejas National Historic Trail Act’.”

SHORT TITLE OF 2002 AMENDMENTS

Pub. L. 107-338, §1, Dec. 16, 2002, 116 Stat. 2886, provided that: “This Act [amending section 1244 of this title and enacting provisions set out as a note under section 1244 of this title] may be cited as the ‘Metacomet-Monadnock-Mattabesett Trail Study Act of 2002’.”