

(Pub. L. 102-587, title VII, §7104, Nov. 4, 1992, 106 Stat. 5096; Pub. L. 103-375, §6(2), (3), Oct. 19, 1994, 108 Stat. 3495.)

#### REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Endangered Species Act of 1973, referred to in par. (9)(B), is Pub. L. 93-205, Dec. 28, 1973, 87 Stat. 884, as amended, which is classified generally to chapter 35 (§1531 et seq.) of this title. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 1531 of this title and Tables.

#### AMENDMENTS

1994—Par. (2). Pub. L. 103-375, §6(2)(A), amended par. (2) generally. Prior to amendment, par. (2) read as follows: “The term ‘designated State agency’ means the State fish and wildlife agency, which shall be construed to mean any department, or any division of any department of another name, of a State that is empowered under its laws to exercise the functions ordinarily exercised by a State fish and wildlife agency.”

Par. (4). Pub. L. 103-375, §6(2)(B), made technical amendment to reference to section 3744(g) of this title to correct reference to corresponding provision of original act.

Par. (8). Pub. L. 103-375, §6(3)(B), added par. (8). Former par. (8) redesignated (9).

Pub. L. 103-375, §6(2)(C), (D), substituted semicolon for period at end of subpar. (A) and “section 1362(6)” for “section 1362(5)” in subpar. (C).

Par. (9). Pub. L. 103-375, §6(3)(A), redesignated par. (8) as (9).

### § 3744. Wildlife partnership program

#### (a) In general

The Secretary shall provide the amounts available in the Fund to designated State agencies on a matching basis to assist in carrying out wildlife conservation and appreciation projects that are eligible under subsection (b) of this section.

#### (b) Eligible projects

The following wildlife conservation and appreciation projects shall be eligible for matching funds from the Fund:

- (1) inventory of fish and wildlife species;
- (2) determination and monitoring of the size, range and distribution of populations of fish and wildlife species;
- (3) identification of the extent, condition, and location of the significant habitats of fish and wildlife species;
- (4) identification of the significant problems that may adversely affect fish and wildlife species and their significant habitats;
- (5) actions to conserve fish and wildlife species and their habitats; and
- (6) actions of which the principal purpose is to provide opportunities for the public to use and enjoy fish and wildlife through non-consumptive activities.

#### (c) Project standards

The Secretary shall not provide funding to carry out an eligible wildlife conservation and appreciation project unless the Secretary determines that such a project—

- (1) is planned adequately to accomplish the stated objective or objectives;
- (2) utilizes accepted fish and wildlife management principles, sound design and appropriate procedures;
- (3) will yield benefits pertinent to the identified need at a level commensurate with project costs;

(4) provides for the tracking of costs and accomplishments related to the project;

(5) provides for monitoring, evaluating, and reporting of the accomplishment of project objectives; and

(6) complies with all applicable Federal environmental laws and regulations.

#### (d) Limitations on Federal payment

The amount of appropriated Federal funds provided from the Fund by the Secretary to any designated State Agency with respect to any fiscal year to carry out an eligible wildlife conservation and appreciation project under this section—

- (1) may not exceed \$250,000;
- (2) may not exceed one third of the total project cost for that fiscal year;
- (3) may not exceed 40 percent of the total project cost for that fiscal year if designated State agencies from two or more States cooperate in implementing such a project; and
- (4) may not be used to defray the administrative cost of State programs.

#### (e) Non-Federal share of projects

##### (1) State share

Of the total cost each fiscal year of each project carried out with amounts provided by the Secretary under subsection (a), at least ½ shall be paid with amounts from State, non-Federal sources, except that if designated State agencies from 2 or more States cooperate in implementing such a project at least 30 percent shall be paid with amounts from such State, non-Federal sources. Payments required by this paragraph may not be in the form of an in-kind contribution.

##### (2) Private share

Of the total cost each fiscal year of each project carried out with amounts provided by the Secretary under subsection (a), at least ½ shall be paid with amounts from voluntary contributions by private entities or persons, except that if designated State agencies from 2 or more States cooperate in implementing such a project, at least 30 percent shall be paid from such sources. Subject to the approval of the Secretary, such contributions for a project may be in the form of, but are not required to be limited to, private cash donations, and the contribution of materials, equipment, or services necessary for the project.

#### (f) Eligibility of designated State agencies

No designated State agency shall be eligible to receive matching funds from the Wildlife Conservation and Appreciation Fund if revenue derived from activities regulated by such an agency is diverted for any purpose other than the management and conservation of fish and wildlife. Such revenue shall include, but not be limited to, all income from the sale of hunting, fishing and trapping licenses; all income from nongame checkoff systems; all income from the sale of waterfowl, habitat conservation, and other stamps that are requisite for engaging in certain activities regulated by the designated State agency; all income from the sale of any commodities and products by the designated State agency from lands and waters adminis-

tered by the State for fish and wildlife purposes; and all funds apportioned to the designated State agency under the Federal Aid in Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Programs.

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**(g) Establishment of Fund**

(1) The Secretary shall establish the Fund, which shall consist of amounts deposited into the Fund by the Secretary under paragraph (2) of this subsection.

(2) The Secretary shall deposit into the Fund amounts appropriated to the Secretary for deposit to the Fund, of which not more than 4 percent shall be available to the Secretary to defray the costs of administering this chapter and evaluating wildlife conservation and appreciation projects.

**(h) Authorization of appropriations**

There are authorized to be appropriated to the Fund and to the Secretary not to exceed \$6,250,000 for each of fiscal years 1999 through 2003.

(Pub. L. 102-587, title VII, §7105, Nov. 4, 1992, 106 Stat. 5097; Pub. L. 103-375, §6(4)-(7), Oct. 19, 1994, 108 Stat. 3495, 3496; Pub. L. 105-312, title III, §303, Oct. 30, 1998, 112 Stat. 2958.)

AMENDMENTS

1998—Subsec. (h). Pub. L. 105-312 substituted “not to exceed \$6,250,000 for each of fiscal years 1999 through 2003.” for “for each of fiscal years 1992 through 1998 not to exceed \$6,250,000.”

1994—Subsec. (d)(5). Pub. L. 103-375, §6(4), struck out par. (5) which read as follows: “may not exceed the State share of the cost of implementing such a project.”

Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 103-375, §6(5), amended heading and text of subsec. (e) generally. Prior to amendment, text read as follows: “The share of the cost of carrying out eligible projects under this section shall be from a non-Federal source and shall not be in the form of an in-kind contribution.”

Subsec. (g)(2). Pub. L. 103-375, §6(6)(A), amended par. (2) generally. Prior to amendment, par. (2) read as follows: “The Secretary shall deposit into the Fund—

“(A) amounts appropriated to the Secretary for deposit to the Fund, of which not more than 4 percent shall be available to the Secretary and the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation to defray the costs of administering this chapter and evaluating wildlife conservation and appreciation projects; and

“(B) amounts received as donations from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation or other private entities or persons for deposit to the Fund.”

Subsec. (g)(3), (4). Pub. L. 103-375, §6(6)(B), struck out pars. (3) and (4) which read as follows:

“(3) The Secretary may accept and use donations from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation and other private entities or persons for purposes of assisting States under this section.

“(4) Of the total amount provided from the Fund to assist a State in carrying out a wildlife conservation and appreciation project under subsection (a) of this section, at least 50 percent shall have been donated to the Fund by the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation.”

Subsec. (h). Pub. L. 103-375, §6(7), substituted “1998” for “1995” and struck out before period at end “to match the amount of contributions made to the Fund by the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation”.

**CHAPTER 57B—PARTNERS FOR FISH AND WILDLIFE**

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**§ 3771. Findings and purpose**

**(a) Findings**

Congress finds that—

(1) approximately 60 percent of fish and wildlife in the United States are on private land;

(2) it is imperative to facilitate private landowner-centered and results-oriented efforts that promote efficient and innovative ways to protect and enhance natural resources;

(3) there is no readily available source of technical biological information that the public can access to assist with the application of state-of-the-art techniques to restore, enhance, and manage fish and wildlife habitats;

(4) a voluntary cost-effective program that leverages public and private funds to assist private landowners in the conduct of state-of-the-art fish and wildlife habitat restoration, enhancement, and management projects is needed;

(5) durable partnerships working collaboratively with willing private landowners to implement on-the-ground projects has led to the reduction of endangered species listings;

(6) Executive Order No. 13352 (69 Fed. Reg. 52989) directs the Departments of the Interior, Agriculture, Commerce, and Defense and the Environmental Protection Agency to pursue new cooperative conservation programs involving the collaboration of Federal, State, local, and tribal governments, private for-profit and non-profit institutions, non-governmental entities, and individuals;

(7) since 1987, the Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program has exemplified cooperative conservation as an innovative, voluntary partnership program that helps private landowners restore wetland and other important fish and wildlife habitat; and

(8) through 33,103 agreements with private landowners, the Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program has accomplished the restoration of 677,000 acres of wetland, 1,253,700 acres of prairie and native grasslands, and 5,560 miles of riparian and in-stream habitat since 1987, demonstrating much of that success since only 2001.

**(b) Purpose**

The purpose of this chapter is to provide for the restoration, enhancement, and management of fish and wildlife habitats on private land through the Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program, a program that works with private landowners to conduct cost-effective habitat projects for the benefit of fish and wildlife resources in the United States.

(Pub. L. 109-294, §2, Oct. 3, 2006, 120 Stat. 1351.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

Executive Order No. 13352, referred to in subsec. (a)(6), is Ex. Ord. No. 13352, Aug. 26, 2004, 69 F.R. 52989, which is set out as a note under section 4332 of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare.

SHORT TITLE

Pub. L. 109-294, §1, Oct. 3, 2006, 120 Stat. 1351, provided that: “This Act [enacting this chapter] may be cited as the ‘Partners for Fish and Wildlife Act.’”