

**(1) Coastal county**

The term “coastal county” has the meaning given the term by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration in the document entitled “NOAA’s List of Coastal Counties for the Bureau of the Census” (or similar successor document).

**(2) Coastal State**

The term “coastal State” has the meaning given the term “coastal state” in section 1453 of this title.

**(3) Foundation**

The term “Foundation” means the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation established by section 3701(a) of this title.

**(4) Fund**

The term “Fund” means the National Oceans and Coastal Security Fund established under section 7503(a) of this title.

**(5) Indian tribe**

The term “Indian tribe” means any federally recognized Indian tribe.

**(6) Administrator**

Except as otherwise specifically provided, the term “Administrator” means the Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere and Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

**(7) Tidal shoreline**

The term “tidal shoreline” has the meaning given that term pursuant to section 923.110(c)(2)(i) of title 15, Code of Federal Regulations, or a similar successor regulation.

(Pub. L. 114–113, div. O, title IX, §902, Dec. 18, 2015, 129 Stat. 3031.)

## SHORT TITLE

Pub. L. 114–113, div. O, title IX, §901, Dec. 18, 2015, 129 Stat. 3031, provided that: “This title [enacting this chapter] may be cited as the ‘National Oceans and Coastal Security Act.’”

**§ 7502. Purposes and agreements****(a) Purposes**

The purposes of this chapter are to better understand and utilize the oceans, coasts, and Great Lakes of the United States, and ensure present and future generations will benefit from the full range of ecological, economic, social, and recreational opportunities, security, and services these resources are capable of providing.

**(b) Agreements**

The Administrator and the Foundation may enter into such agreements as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this chapter.

(Pub. L. 114–113, div. O, title IX, §903, Dec. 18, 2015, 129 Stat. 3031.)

**§ 7503. National Oceans and Coastal Security Fund****(a) Establishment**

The Administrator and the Foundation are authorized to establish the National Oceans and

Coastal Security Fund as a tax exempt fund to further the purposes of this chapter.

**(b) Deposits****(1) In general**

There shall be deposited into the Fund amounts appropriated or otherwise made available to carry out this chapter.

**(2) Prohibitions on donations from foreign governments**

No amounts donated by a foreign government, as defined in section 7342 of title 5, may be deposited into the Fund.

**(c) Requirements**

Any amounts received by the Foundation pursuant to this chapter shall be subject to the provisions of the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Establishment Act (16 U.S.C. 3701 et seq.), except the provisions of—

- (1) section 4(e)(1)(B) of that Act (16 U.S.C. 3703(e)(1)(B)); and
- (2) section 10(a) of that Act (16 U.S.C. 3709(a)).

**(d) Expenditure**

Of the amounts deposited into the Fund for each fiscal year—

- (1) funds may be used by the Foundation to award grants to coastal States under section 7505(b) of this title;
- (2) funds may be used by the Foundation to award grants under section 7505(c) of this title;
- (3) no more than 2 percent may be used by the Administrator and the Foundation for administrative expenses to carry out this chapter, which amount shall be divided between the Administrator and the Foundation pursuant to an agreement reached and documented by both the Administrator and the Foundation.

**(e) Recovery of payments**

After notice and an opportunity for a hearing, the Administrator is authorized to recover any Federal payments under this section if the Foundation—

- (1) makes a withdrawal or expenditure from the Fund that is not consistent with the requirements of section 7504 of this title; or
- (2) fails to comply with a procedure, measure, method, or standard established under section 7505(a)(1) of this title.

(Pub. L. 114–113, div. O, title IX, §904, Dec. 18, 2015, 129 Stat. 3031.)

## REFERENCES IN TEXT

The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Establishment Act, referred to in subsec. (c), is Pub. L. 98–244, Mar. 26, 1984, 98 Stat. 107, which is classified generally to chapter 57 (§3701 et seq.) of this title. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 3701 of this title and Tables.

**§ 7504. Eligible uses****(a) In general**

Amounts in the Fund may be allocated by the Foundation to support programs and activities intended to better understand and utilize ocean and coastal resources and coastal infrastructure, including baseline scientific research,