

tives of sections 459g to 459g-7 of this title, indicating—

(1) the facilities needed to accommodate the health, safety and recreation needs of the visiting public;

(2) the location and estimated cost of all facilities; and

(3) the projected need for any additional facilities within the seashore.

(Pub. L. 89-366, § 8, as added Pub. L. 93-477, title IV, § 406(5), Oct. 26, 1974, 88 Stat. 1449; amended Pub. L. 98-141, § 4, Oct. 31, 1983, 97 Stat. 909.)

#### CHANGE OF NAME

Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs of the Senate abolished and replaced by Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate, effective Feb. 11, 1977. See Rule XXV of Standing Rules of the Senate, as amended by Senate Resolution No. 4 (popularly cited as the “Committee System Reorganization Amendments of 1977”), approved Feb. 4, 1977.

Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs of the House of Representatives changed to Committee on Natural Resources of the House of Representatives on Jan. 5, 1993, by House Resolution No. 5, One Hundred Third Congress.

#### AMENDMENTS

1983—Pub. L. 98-141 substituted “\$13,903,000” for “\$7,903,000”.

### § 459h. Gulf Islands National Seashore

#### (a) Establishment

In order to preserve for public use and enjoyment certain areas possessing outstanding natural, historic, and recreational values, the Secretary of the Interior (hereinafter referred to as the “Secretary”) may establish and administer the Gulf Islands National Seashore (hereinafter referred to as the “seashore”).

#### (b) Composition

##### (1) In general

The seashore shall comprise the areas described in paragraphs (2) and (3).

##### (2) Areas included in boundary plan numbered NS-GI-7100J

The areas described in this paragraph are the following gulf coast islands and mainland areas, together with adjacent water areas as generally depicted on the drawing entitled “Proposed Boundary Plan, Proposed Gulf Islands National Seashore,” numbered NS-GI-7100J, and dated December 1970:

(A) Ship, Petit Bois, and Horn Islands in Mississippi;

(B) the eastern portion of Perdido Key in Florida;

(C) Santa Rosa Island in Florida;

(D) the Naval Live Oaks Reservation in Florida;

(E) Fort Pickens and the Fort Pickens State Park in Florida; and

(F) a tract of land in the Pensacola Naval Air Station in Florida that includes the Coast Guard Station and Lighthouse, Fort San Carlos, Fort Barrancas, and Fort Redoubt and sufficient surrounding land for proper administration and protection of the historic resources.

##### (3) Cat Island

Upon its acquisition by the Secretary, the area described in this paragraph is the parcel

consisting of approximately 2,000 acres of land on Cat Island, Mississippi, as generally depicted on the map entitled “Boundary Map, Gulf Islands National Seashore, Cat Island, Mississippi”, numbered 635/80085, and dated November 9, 1999 (referred to in sections 459h to 459h-10 of this title<sup>1</sup> as the “Cat Island Map”).

#### (4) Availability of Map

The Cat Island Map shall be on file and available for public inspection in the appropriate offices of the National Park Service.

(Pub. L. 91-660, § 1, Jan. 8, 1971, 84 Stat. 1967; Pub. L. 106-554, § 1(a)(4) [div. B, title I, § 137(a)], Dec. 21, 2000, 114 Stat. 2763, 2763A-231.)

#### REFERENCES IN TEXT

Sections 459h to 459h-10 of this title, referred to in subsec. (b)(3), was in the original “this title”, and was translated as reading “this Act”, meaning Pub. L. 91-660, which enacted sections 459h to 459h-10 of this title, to reflect the probable intent of Congress, because Pub. L. 91-660 does not contain titles.

#### AMENDMENTS

2000—Pub. L. 106-554 inserted section catchline and subsec. (a) designation and heading, substituted “In order” for “That, in order”, inserted subsec. (b) designation and heading, added par. (1), inserted par. (2) designation and heading and substituted “The areas described in this paragraph are” for “The seashore shall comprise”, redesignated former pars. (1) to (6) as subpars. (A) to (F), respectively, of par. (2), realigned margins, and added pars. (3) and (4).

### § 459h-1. Acquisition of property

#### (a) Authority of Secretary; concurrence of State owner; administrative site and related facilities; transfer from Federal agency to administrative jurisdiction of Secretary

Within the boundaries of the seashore, the Secretary may acquire submerged land, land, waters, and interests therein by donation, purchase with donated or appropriated funds, or exchange, except that property owned by a State or any political subdivision thereof may be acquired only with the consent of the owner. The Secretary may acquire by any of the above methods not more than four hundred acres of land or interests therein outside of the seashore boundaries on the mainland in the vicinity of Biloxi-Gulfport, Mississippi, for an administrative site and related facilities for access to the seashore. With the concurrence of the agency having custody thereof, any Federal property within the seashore and mainland site may be transferred without consideration to the administrative jurisdiction of the Secretary for the purposes of the seashore.

#### (b) Improved residential property owner's reservation of right of use and occupancy for residential purposes for life or fixed term of years; election by owner; transfer or assignment of right; adjustment of compensation

With respect to improved residential property acquired for the purposes of sections 459h to 459h-10 of this title, which is beneficially owned by a natural person and which the Secretary of

<sup>1</sup> See References in Text note below.