

§ 459g-4. Administration; public outdoor recreation and enjoyment; utilization of authorities for conservation and development of natural resources

(a) The Secretary shall administer the Cape Lookout National Seashore for the general purposes of public outdoor recreation, including conservation of natural features contributing to public enjoyment. In the administration of the seashore and the administrative site, the Secretary may utilize such statutory authorities relating to areas administered and supervised by the Secretary through the National Park Service and such statutory authorities otherwise available to him for the conservation and management of natural resources as he deems appropriate to carry out the purposes of sections 459g to 459g-7 of this title.

(b)(1) The Secretary, in accordance with this subsection, shall allow a herd of not less than 110 free roaming horses, with a target population of between 120 and 130 free roaming horses, in Cape Lookout National Seashore (hereinafter referred to as the "Seashore"): *Provided*, That nothing in this section shall be construed to preclude the Secretary from implementing or enforcing the provisions of paragraph (3).

(2) Within 180 days after July 16, 1998, the Secretary shall enter into an agreement with the Foundation for Shackelford Horses (a nonprofit corporation established under the laws of the State of North Carolina), or another qualified nonprofit entity, to provide for management of free roaming horses in the seashore. The agreement shall—

(A) provide for cost-effective management of the horses while ensuring that natural resources within the seashore are not adversely impacted; and

(B) allow the authorized entity to adopt any of those horses that the Secretary removes from the seashore.

(3) The Secretary shall not remove, assist in, or permit the removal of any free roaming horses from Federal lands within the boundaries of the seashore—

(A) unless the entity with whom the Secretary has entered into the agreement under paragraph (2), following notice and a 90-day response period, fails to meet the terms and conditions of the agreement; or

(B) unless removal is carried out as part of a plan to maintain the viability of the herd; or

(C) except in the case of an emergency, or to protect public health and safety.

(4) The Secretary shall annually monitor, assess, and make available to the public findings regarding the population, structure, and health of the free roaming horses in the national seashore.

(5) Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to require the Secretary to replace horses or otherwise increase the number of horses within the boundaries of the seashore where the herd numbers fall below 110 as a result of natural causes, including, but not limited to, disease or natural disasters.

(6) Nothing in this subsection shall be construed as creating liability for the United States

for any damages caused by the free roaming horses to property located inside or outside the boundaries of the seashore.

(Pub. L. 89-366, § 5, Mar. 10, 1966, 80 Stat. 35; Pub. L. 105-202, § 2, July 16, 1998, 112 Stat. 676; Pub. L. 105-229, § 1, Aug. 13, 1998, 112 Stat. 1517; Pub. L. 109-117, § 1, Dec. 1, 2005, 119 Stat. 2526.)

AMENDMENTS

2005—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 109-117, § 1(b)(1), struck out "(a)" after "(a)".

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 109-117, § 1(b)(2), struck out the subsec. (b) added by Pub. L. 105-229, which was identical to the subsec. (b) added by Pub. L. 105-202.

Subsec. (b)(1). Pub. L. 109-117, § 1(a)(1), substituted "not less than 110 free roaming horses, with a target population of between 120 and 130 free roaming horses," for "100 free roaming horses".

Subsec. (b)(3)(B). Pub. L. 109-117, § 1(a)(2), added subpar. (B) and struck out former subpar. (B) which read as follows: "unless the number of free roaming horses on Federal lands within Cape Lookout National Seashore exceeds 110; or".

Subsec. (b)(5). Pub. L. 109-117, § 1(a)(3), substituted "110" for "100".

1998—Pub. L. 105-229 directed an amendment identical to that in Pub. L. 105-202 resulting in the insertion of "(a)" before "(a)" in subsec. (a) and the addition of a second, identical subsec. (b).

Pub. L. 105-202 designated existing provisions as subsec. (a) and added subsec. (b).

§ 459g-5. Shore erosion control or beach protection measures

The authority of the Chief of Engineers, Department of the Army, to undertake or contribute to shore erosion control or beach protection measures within the Cape Lookout National Seashore shall be exercised in accordance with a plan that is mutually acceptable to the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of the Army, and that is consistent with the purposes of sections 459g to 459g-7 of this title.

(Pub. L. 89-366, § 6, Mar. 10, 1966, 80 Stat. 35.)

§ 459g-6. Preservation and designation as wilderness; review of area by Secretary; report to President

On or before January 1, 1978, the Secretary shall review the area within the seashore and shall report to the President, in accordance with section 1132(c) and (d) of this title, his recommendations as to the suitability or unsuitability of any area within the seashore for preservation as wilderness, and any designation of any such areas as a wilderness shall be accomplished in accordance with section 1132(c) and (d) of this title.

(Pub. L. 89-366, § 7, Mar. 10, 1966, 80 Stat. 35; Pub. L. 93-477, title IV, § 406(4), Oct. 26, 1974, 88 Stat. 1449.)

AMENDMENTS

1974—Pub. L. 93-477 substituted provisions authorizing review of area and report to the President by the Secretary with regard to suitability of area for preservation as wilderness for provisions authorizing appropriations.

§ 459g-7. Authorization of appropriations; master plan to Congressional committees; time; contents

There are hereby authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary to carry

out the purposes of sections 459g to 459g-7 of this title, not to exceed \$13,903,000 for acquisition of lands and interests therein, of which no more than \$1,000,000 may be expended for acquisition of lands owned by Core Banks Club Properties, Incorporated. For development of essential public facilities there are authorized to be appropriated not more than \$2,935,000. On or before January 1, 1978, the Secretary shall develop and transmit to the Committees on Interior and Insular Affairs of the United States Congress a final master plan for the full development of the seashore consistent with the preservation objectives 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 Reoubt 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 title¹ 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

¹ See References in Text note below.