

of Federal aquaculture research, transfer, and assistance programs. In fulfilling this purpose the coordinating group shall—

- (1) review the national needs for aquaculture research, transfer, and assistance;
- (2) assess the effectiveness and adequacy of Federal efforts to meet those national needs;
- (3) undertake planning, coordination, and communication among Federal agencies engaged in the science, engineering, and technology of aquaculture;
- (4) collect, compile, and disseminate information on aquaculture;
- (5) encourage joint programs among Federal agencies in areas of mutual interest; and
- (6) recommend to the Federal Council specific actions on issues, problems, plans, and programs in aquaculture.

**(c) Reports**

The coordinating group shall regularly report to the Chairman of the Federal Council on the coordinating group's activities and on recommendations concerning Federal policies and programs related to aquaculture.

**(d) Federal consistency**

Each Federal department and agency that has functions or responsibilities with respect to aquaculture or has jurisdiction over any activity that affects, or that may affect, the achievement of the purpose and policy of this chapter, shall, in consultation with the coordinating group and to the maximum extent practicable, perform such function, responsibility, or activity in a manner that is consistent with the purpose and policy of this chapter.

**(e) Functions if Federal Council terminated**

If at any time after September 26, 1980, the functions of the Federal Council are by executive action terminated or transferred to an agency other than the Office of Science and Technology Policy, the coordinating group shall carry out its purpose under the direction of the Director. In that event, the recommendations of the coordinating group referred to in subsection (b)(6) and the reports required under subsection (c) shall be made to the Director.

(Pub. L. 96-362, §6, Sept. 26, 1980, 94 Stat. 1203; Pub. L. 99-198, title XVII, §1736, Dec. 23, 1985, 99 Stat. 1643.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

Executive Order 12039, dated February 24, 1978, referred to in subsec. (a), is Ex. Ord. No. 12039, Feb. 24, 1978, 43 F.R. 8095, which is set out as a note under section 6601 of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare.

AMENDMENTS

1985—Subsec. (a)(1). Pub. L. 99-198, §1736(1), inserted “, who shall be the permanent chairman of the coordinating group”.

Subsecs. (c) to (f). Pub. L. 99-198, §1736(2)–(4), struck out subsec. (c) which provided that each of the Secretaries or their designees, on such rotating basis as determined by the Director, shall serve as the chairman of the coordinating group, with the term of office of the chairman set at two years, redesignated subsecs. (d) to (f) as (c) to (e), respectively, and in subsec. (e), as redesignated, substituted “subsection (c)” for “subsection (d)”.

**§ 2806. Contracts and grants**

**(a) In general**

The Secretaries may each carry out any action that such Secretary is responsible for implementing under the Plan through grants to, or contracts with, any person, any other Federal department or agency, any State agency, or any regional commission.

**(b) Terms and conditions**

Any contract entered into, or any grant made, under subsection (a) shall contain such terms and conditions as the Secretary concerned shall by regulation prescribe as being necessary or appropriate to protect the interests of the United States. No contract may be entered into, and no grant may be made under subsection (a), for any purpose that is in violation of any applicable State or local law.

**(c) Limitation**

The amount of any grant made under subsection (a) may not exceed an amount equal to one-half the estimated cost of the project for which the grant is made.

**(d) Audit**

Each recipient of a grant or contract under this section shall make available to the Secretary concerned and to the Comptroller General of the United States, for purposes of audit and examination, any book, document, paper, or record that is pertinent to the funds received under such grant or contract.

(Pub. L. 96-362, §7, Sept. 26, 1980, 94 Stat. 1204.)

**§ 2807. Capital requirements for aquaculture**

**(a) Capital requirements study**

The Secretaries, through the coordinating group, shall conduct within twelve months after September 26, 1980, a study of the capital requirements of the United States aquaculture industry. The study shall—

- (1) document and analyze any capital constraints that affect the development of aquaculture in the United States; and
- (2) evaluate the role that appropriate Federal financial assistance does or could play in filling gaps in the normal credit market with respect to aquaculture.

The study will identify the capital needs of the United States aquaculture industry, with emphasis on the needs that are not being filled either in normal credit channels or through government programs for direct loans, loan guarantees, disaster loans, and insurance. Upon its completion, the Secretaries shall submit the results of the study to Congress.

**(b) Capital requirements plan**

Based on the results of the Capital Requirements Study conducted under subsection (a), and within six months of the completion of the study, the Secretaries shall formulate a plan for acting on the study's findings. The plan shall include: (1) those Federal actions, if any, found to be necessary to meet financial needs unmet through normal credit channels and existing Federal programs; and (2) recommendations, if any, for legislative actions. Upon completion, the plan shall be submitted to Congress.