

Subsec. (a)(6). Pub. L. 116-271, §201(a)(1)(B), inserted “sustained” before “winds”.

Subsec. (a)(7). Pub. L. 116-271, §201(a)(1)(C), substituted “for which post-storm assessments are conducted” for “that threaten any portion of a coastal State”.

Subsec. (b)(1)(A). Pub. L. 116-271, §201(a)(2)(A)(i), substituted “December 31, 2020” for “540 days after July 6, 2012” and struck out “by regulation” after “Administrator shall develop”.

Subsec. (b)(1)(B). Pub. L. 116-271, §201(a)(2)(A)(ii), substituted “an indeterminate loss” for “every indeterminate loss”.

Subsec. (b)(1)(C). Pub. L. 116-271, §201(a)(2)(A)(iii), added subpar. (C).

Subsec. (b)(2)(B), (C). Pub. L. 116-271, §201(a)(2)(B)(ii), added subpars. (B) and (C). Former subpars. (B) and (C) redesignated (D) and (E), respectively.

Subsec. (b)(2)(D). Pub. L. 116-271, §201(a)(2)(B)(iii), substituted “confirmation of indeterminate losses identified under subparagraph (C) with respect to a named storm” for “identification of a named storm under subparagraph (A)” and “assessment for each coastal State that suffered such indeterminate losses as a result of the named storm” for “assessment for such named storm”.

Pub. L. 116-271, §201(a)(2)(B)(i), redesignated subpar. (B) as (D).

Subsec. (b)(2)(E). Pub. L. 116-271, §201(a)(2)(B)(iv), substituted “any indeterminate losses are identified under subparagraph (C)” for “an identification of a named storm is made under subparagraph (A)” and “under subparagraph (D) for any coastal State that suffered such indeterminate losses” for “for such storm under subparagraph (B)”.

Pub. L. 116-271, §201(a)(2)(B)(i), redesignated subpar. (C) as (E).

Subsec. (b)(2)(F). Pub. L. 116-271, §201(a)(2)(B)(v), added subpar. (F).

Subsec. (c)(1). Pub. L. 116-271, §201(a)(3)(A), substituted “December 31, 2020” for “540 days after July 6, 2012”.

Subsec. (c)(2). Pub. L. 116-271, §201(a)(3)(B), inserted “, in the discretion of the Administrator,” after “of sensors as may”.

Subsec. (c)(4)(B). Pub. L. 116-271, §201(a)(3)(C), inserted “and expend” after “receive”.

CHAPTER 50—FEDERAL OCEAN ACIDIFICATION RESEARCH AND MONITORING

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§ 3701. Purposes

(a) Purposes

The purposes of this chapter are to provide for—

- (1) development and coordination of a comprehensive interagency plan to—
 - (A) monitor and conduct research on the processes and consequences of ocean acidification on marine organisms and ecosystems; and
 - (B) establish an interagency research and monitoring program on ocean acidification;
- (2) establishment of an ocean acidification program within the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration;
- (3) assessment and consideration of regional and national ecosystem and socioeconomic impacts of increased ocean acidification; and

(4) research adaptation strategies and techniques for effectively conserving marine ecosystems as they cope with increased ocean acidification.

(Pub. L. 111-11, title XII, §12402, Mar. 30, 2009, 123 Stat. 1436.)

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

SHORT TITLE

Pub. L. 111-11, title XII, §12401, Mar. 30, 2009, 123 Stat. 1436, provided that: “This subtitle [subtitle D (§§12401-12409) of title XII of Pub. L. 111-11, enacting this chapter] may be cited as the ‘Federal Ocean Acidification Research And Monitoring Act of 2009’ or the ‘FOARAM Act.’”

§ 3702. Definitions

In this chapter:

(1) Ocean acidification

The term “ocean acidification” means the decrease in pH of the Earth’s oceans and changes in ocean chemistry caused by chemical inputs from the atmosphere, including carbon dioxide.

(2) Secretary

The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of Commerce, acting through the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

(3) Subcommittee

The term “Subcommittee” means the Joint Subcommittee on Ocean Science and Technology of the National Science and Technology Council.

(Pub. L. 111-11, title XII, §12403, Mar. 30, 2009, 123 Stat. 1437.)

§ 3703. Interagency Subcommittee

(a) Designation

(1) In general

The Joint Subcommittee on Ocean Science and Technology of the National Science and Technology Council shall coordinate Federal activities on ocean acidification and establish an interagency working group.

(2) Membership

The interagency working group on ocean acidification shall be comprised of senior representatives from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the National Science Foundation, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, the United States Geological Survey, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, and such other Federal agencies as appropriate.

(3) Chairman

The interagency working group shall be chaired by the representative from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

(b) Duties

The Subcommittee shall—

- (1) develop the strategic research and monitoring plan to guide Federal research on ocean