

(C) preventing the decline of intact and healthy systems;

(2) to establish a consensus set of national conservation strategies as a framework to guide future actions and investment by Fish Habitat Partnerships;

(3) to broaden the community of support for fish habitat conservation by—

(A) increasing fishing opportunities;

(B) fostering the participation of local communities, especially young people in local communities, in conservation activities; and

(C) raising public awareness of the role healthy fish habitat play in the quality of life and economic well-being of local communities;

(4) to fill gaps in the National Fish Habitat Assessment and the associated database of the National Fish Habitat Assessment—

(A) to empower strategic conservation actions supported by broadly available scientific information; and

(B) to integrate socioeconomic data in the analysis to improve the lives of humans in a manner consistent with fish habitat conservation goals; and

(5) to communicate to the public and conservation partners—

(A) the conservation outcomes produced collectively by Fish Habitat Partnerships; and

(B) new opportunities and voluntary approaches for conserving fish habitat.

(Pub. L. 116-188, title II, §201, Oct. 30, 2020, 134 Stat. 924.)

#### Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

##### SHORT TITLE

Pub. L. 116-188, §1(a), Oct. 30, 2020, 134 Stat. 905, provided that: “This Act [enacting this chapter, sections 667h and 669l of this title, and sections 8355 and 8356 of Title 7, Agriculture, amending sections 666c-1, 3702, 3703, 3709, 3710, 4403, and 4406 of this title and section 1267 of Title 33, Navigation and Navigable Waters, enacting provisions set out as notes under section 2601 of Title 15, Commerce and Trade, and section 1267 of Title 33, and amending provisions set out as notes under sections 669 and 742b of this title and section 320101 of Title 54, National Park Service and Related Programs] may be cited as the ‘America’s Conservation Enhancement Act.’”

#### § 8202. Definitions

In this chapter:

##### (1) Appropriate congressional committees

The term “appropriate congressional committees” means—

(A) the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation and the Committee on Environment and Public Works of the Senate; and

(B) the Committee on Natural Resources of the House of Representatives.

##### (2) Board

The term “Board” means the National Fish Habitat Board established by section 8203 of this title.

##### (3) Director

The term “Director” means the Director of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service.

##### (4) Environmental Protection Agency Assistant Administrator

The term “Environmental Protection Agency Assistant Administrator” means the Assistant Administrator for Water of the Environmental Protection Agency.

##### (5) Indian Tribe

The term “Indian Tribe” has the meaning given to the term “Indian tribe” in section 5304 of title 25.

##### (6) National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Assistant Administrator

The term “National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Assistant Administrator” means the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

##### (7) Partnership

The term “Partnership” means an entity designated by Congress as a Fish Habitat Partnership under section 8204 of this title.

##### (8) Real property interest

The term “real property interest” means an ownership interest in—

(A) land; or

(B) water (including water rights).

##### (9) Marine Fisheries Commissions

The term “Marine Fisheries Commissions” means—

(A) the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission;

(B) the Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission; and

(C) the Pacific States Marine Commission.

##### (10) Secretary

The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of the Interior.

##### (11) State

The term “State” means each of the several States, Puerto Rico, American Samoa, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, the United States Virgin Islands, and the District of Columbia.

##### (12) State agency

The term “State agency” means—

(A) the fish and wildlife agency of a State; and

(B) any department or division of a department or agency of a State that manages in the public trust the inland or marine fishery resources of the State or sustains the habitat for those fishery resources pursuant to State law or the constitution of the State.

(Pub. L. 116-188, title II, §202, Oct. 30, 2020, 134 Stat. 925.)

#### § 8203. National Fish Habitat Board

##### (a) Establishment

###### (1) Fish Habitat Board

There is established a board, to be known as the “National Fish Habitat Board”, whose duties are—