

training to characterize the United States coastal region is critical for public safety and for the environment, infrastructure, and economy of the United States.

“(3) More than half of all people of the United States (153,000,000) currently live on or near a coast and an additional 12,000,000 are expected in the next decade.

“(4) Coastal counties in the United States average 300 persons per square mile, compared with the national average of 98.

“(5) On a typical day, more than 1,540 permits for construction of single-family homes are issued in coastal counties, combined with other commercial, retail, and institutional construction to support this population.

“(6) Over half of the economic productivity of the United States is located within coastal regions.

“(7) Highly accurate, high-resolution remote sensing and other geospatial data play an increasingly important role in decision making and management of the coastal zone and economy, including for—

“(A) flood and coastal storm surge prediction;

“(B) hazard risk and vulnerability assessment;

“(C) emergency response and recovery planning;

“(D) community resilience to longer range coastal change;

“(E) local planning and permitting;

“(F) habitat and ecosystem health assessments; and

“(G) landscape change detection.”

DEFINITIONS

Pub. L. 116-223, § 3, Dec. 18, 2020, 134 Stat. 1068, provided that: “In this Act [see Short Title of 2020 Amendment note set out under section 1451 of this title]:

“(1) COASTAL REGION.—The term ‘coastal region’ means the area of United States waters extending inland from the shoreline to include coastal watersheds and seaward to the territorial sea.

“(2) COASTAL STATE.—The term ‘coastal State’ has the meaning given the term ‘coastal state’ in section 304 of the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. 1453).

“(3) FEDERAL GEOGRAPHIC DATA COMMITTEE.—The term ‘Federal Geographic Data Committee’ means the interagency committee that promotes the coordinated development, use, sharing, and dissemination of geospatial data on a national basis.

“(4) REMOTE SENSING AND OTHER GEOSPATIAL.—The term ‘remote sensing and other geospatial’ means collecting, storing, retrieving, or disseminating graphical or digital data depicting natural or man-made physical features, phenomena, or boundaries of the Earth and any information related thereto, including surveys, maps, charts, satellite and airborne remote sensing data, images, LiDAR, and services performed by professionals such as surveyors, photogrammetrists, hydrographers, geodesists, cartographers, and other such services.

“(5) SECRETARY.—The term ‘Secretary’ means the Secretary of Commerce, acting through the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.”

CHAPTER 34—RURAL ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION PROGRAM

§§ 1501 to 1508. Repealed. Pub. L. 104-127, title III, § 336(d)(1), Apr. 4, 1996, 110 Stat. 1006

Section 1501, Pub. L. 91-524, title X, § 1001, as added Pub. L. 93-86, § 1(28), Aug. 10, 1973, 87 Stat. 241; amended Pub. L. 93-125, § 1(g)(i), Oct. 18, 1973, 87 Stat. 450; Pub. L. 99-198, title XIII, § 1318(b)(2), Dec. 23, 1985, 99 Stat. 1531, related to establishment and purpose of program, contracting and purchasing authority of Secretary, and maintenance of continuing and stable supply of agricultural commodities and forest products.

Section 1502, Pub. L. 91-524, title X, § 1002, as added Pub. L. 93-86, § 1(28), Aug. 10, 1973, 87 Stat. 242, required

eligible landowners and operators to furnish plan of farming operations or land use to Secretary.

Section 1503, Pub. L. 91-524, title X, § 1003, as added Pub. L. 93-86, § 1(28), Aug. 10, 1973, 87 Stat. 242; amended Pub. L. 93-125, § 1(g)(i), Oct. 18, 1973, 87 Stat. 450, related to approved conservation plans as basis for contracts, duties under contracts, and termination or modification of contracts.

Section 1504, Pub. L. 91-524, title X, § 1004, as added Pub. L. 93-86, § 1(28), Aug. 10, 1973, 87 Stat. 243, authorized furnishing of conservation materials to eligible owners and operators.

Section 1505, Pub. L. 91-524, title X, § 1005, as added Pub. L. 93-86, § 1(28), Aug. 10, 1973, 87 Stat. 243; amended Pub. L. 95-113, title XV, § 1509, Sept. 29, 1977, 91 Stat. 1022, authorized establishment of multiyear set-aside contracts.

Section 1506, Pub. L. 91-524, title X, § 1006, as added Pub. L. 93-86, § 1(28), Aug. 10, 1973, 87 Stat. 244, authorized issuance of rules and regulations as well as limitations on total retired acreage.

Section 1507, Pub. L. 91-524, title X, § 1007, as added Pub. L. 93-86, § 1(28), Aug. 10, 1973, 87 Stat. 244; amended Pub. L. 93-125, § 1(g)(ii), Oct. 18, 1973, 87 Stat. 450, directed appointment of advisory boards to assist in development of programs under this chapter.

Section 1508, Pub. L. 91-524, title X, § 1008, as added Pub. L. 93-86, § 1(28), Aug. 10, 1973, 87 Stat. 244, directed coordination with and utilization of Federal, State, and local services and facilities to carry out programs and plans.

§ 1509. Repealed. Pub. L. 95-313, § 16(a)(7), formerly § 13(a)(7), July 1, 1978, 92 Stat. 374; renumbered § 16(a)(7), Pub. L. 101-624, title XII, § 1215(1), Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 3525

Section, Pub. L. 91-524, title X, § 1009, as added Pub. L. 93-86, § 1(28), Aug. 10, 1973, 87 Stat. 245, set forth provisions relating to establishment, funding requirements, etc., for the forestry incentives program.

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

EFFECTIVE DATE OF REPEAL

Section repealed effective Oct. 1, 1978, see section 17 of Pub. L. 95-313, set out as an Effective Date note under section 2101 of this title.

§ 1510. Repealed. Pub. L. 104-127, title III, § 336(d)(1), Apr. 4, 1996, 110 Stat. 1006

Section, Pub. L. 91-524, title X, § 1010, as added Pub. L. 93-86, § 1(28), Aug. 10, 1973, 87 Stat. 245; amended Pub. L. 95-313, § 16(a)(7), formerly § 13(a)(7), July 1, 1978, 92 Stat. 374, renumbered § 16(a)(7), Pub. L. 101-624, title XII, § 1215(1), Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 3525, related to authorization of appropriations as well as construction and continuation of programs, contracts, and authorities.

CHAPTER 35—ENDANGERED SPECIES

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§ 1531. Congressional findings and declaration of purposes and policy

(a) Findings

The Congress finds and declares that—

(1) various species of fish, wildlife, and plants in the United States have been rendered extinct as a consequence of economic growth and development untempered by adequate concern and conservation;

(2) other species of fish, wildlife, and plants have been so depleted in numbers that they are in danger of or threatened with extinction;

(3) these species of fish, wildlife, and plants are of esthetic, ecological, educational, historical, recreational, and scientific value to the Nation and its people;

(4) the United States has pledged itself as a sovereign state in the international community to conserve to the extent practicable the various species of fish or wildlife and plants facing extinction, pursuant to—

(A) migratory bird treaties with Canada and Mexico;

(B) the Migratory and Endangered Bird Treaty with Japan;

(C) the Convention on Nature Protection and Wildlife Preservation in the Western Hemisphere;

(D) the International Convention for the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries;

(E) the International Convention for the High Seas Fisheries of the North Pacific Ocean;

(F) the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora; and

(G) other international agreements; and

(5) encouraging the States and other interested parties, through Federal financial assistance and a system of incentives, to develop and maintain conservation programs which meet national and international standards is a key to meeting the Nation's international commitments and to better safeguarding, for the benefit of all citizens, the Nation's heritage in fish, wildlife, and plants.

(b) Purposes

The purposes of this chapter are to provide a means whereby the ecosystems upon which endangered species and threatened species depend may be conserved, to provide a program for the conservation of such endangered species and threatened species, and to take such steps as may be appropriate to achieve the purposes of the treaties and conventions set forth in subsection (a) of this section.

(c) Policy

(1) It is further declared to be the policy of Congress that all Federal departments and agencies shall seek to conserve endangered species and threatened species and shall utilize their authorities in furtherance of the purposes of this chapter.

(2) It is further declared to be the policy of Congress that Federal agencies shall cooperate

with State and local agencies to resolve water resource issues in concert with conservation of endangered species.

(Pub. L. 93-205, § 2, Dec. 28, 1973, 87 Stat. 884; Pub. L. 96-159, § 1, Dec. 28, 1979, 93 Stat. 1225; Pub. L. 97-304, § 9(a), Oct. 13, 1982, 96 Stat. 1426; Pub. L. 100-478, title I, § 1013(a), Oct. 7, 1988, 102 Stat. 2315.)

Editorial Notes

REFERENCES IN TEXT

This chapter, referred to in subsecs. (b) and (c)(1), was in the original "this Act", meaning Pub. L. 93-205, Dec. 28, 1973, 81 Stat. 884, known as the Endangered Species Act of 1973, which is classified principally to this chapter. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out below and Tables.

AMENDMENTS

1988—Subsec. (a)(4)(G). Pub. L. 100-478 substituted “; and” for period at end.

1982—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 97-304 designated existing provisions as par. (1) and added par. (2).

1979—Subsec. (a)(5). Pub. L. 96-159 substituted “wildlife, and plants” for “wildlife”.

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

EFFECTIVE DATE

Pub. L. 93-205, § 16, Dec. 28, 1973, 87 Stat. 903, provided that: “This Act [enacting this chapter, amending sections 460k-1, 460l-9, 668dd, 715i, 715s, 1362, 1371, 1372, and 1402 of this title and section 136 of Title 7, Agriculture, repealing sections 668aa to 668cc-6 of this title, and enacting provisions set out as notes under this section] shall take effect on the date of its enactment [Dec. 28, 1973].”

SHORT TITLE OF 1982 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 97-304, § 1, Oct. 13, 1982, 96 Stat. 1411, provided: “That this Act [amending this section and sections 1532, 1533, 1535, 1536, 1537a, 1538, 1539, 1540, and 1542 of this title and enacting provisions set out as notes under sections 1533, 1537a, and 1539 of this title] may be cited as the ‘Endangered Species Act Amendments of 1982.’”

SHORT TITLE OF 1978 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 95-632, § 1, Nov. 10, 1978, 92 Stat. 3751, provided: “That this Act [amending sections 1532 to 1536, 1538 to 1540, and 1542 of this title] may be cited as the ‘Endangered Species Act Amendments of 1978.’”

SHORT TITLE

Pub. L. 93-205, § 1, Dec. 28, 1973, 87 Stat. 884, provided: “That this Act [enacting this chapter, amending sections 460k-1, 460l-9, 668dd, 715i, 715s, 1362, 1371, 1372, and 1402 of this title and section 136 of Title 7, Agriculture, repealing sections 668aa to 668cc-6 of this title, and enacting provisions set out as notes under this section] may be cited as the ‘Endangered Species Act of 1973.’”

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AND WORKING LANDS FOR WILDLIFE CONSERVATION MODEL

Pub. L. 115-334, title II, § 2407, Dec. 20, 2018, 132 Stat. 4573, provided that:

“(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary [of Agriculture] and the Secretary of the Interior shall continue to carry out the Working Lands for Wildlife model of conservation on working landscapes, as implemented on the day before the date of enactment of this Act [Dec. 20, 2018], in accordance with—

“(1) the document entitled ‘Partnership Agreement Between the United States Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service and