

“(A) a depositional geologic feature (such as a bay barrier, tombolo, barrier spit, or barrier island) that—

“(i) is subject to wave, tidal, and wind energies, and

“(ii) protects landward aquatic habitats from direct wave attack; and

“(B) all associated aquatic habitats including the adjacent wetlands, marshes, estuaries, inlets, and nearshore waters; but only if such features and associated habitats contain few manmade structures and these structures, and man’s activities on such features and within such habitats, do not significantly impede geomorphic and ecological processes.

“(2) the term ‘otherwise protected area’ means an undeveloped coastal barrier within the boundaries of an area established under Federal, State, or local law, or held by a qualified organization, primarily for wildlife refuge, sanctuary, recreational, or natural resource conservation purposes;

“(3) the term ‘qualified organization’ means such an organization under section 170(h)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (26 U.S.C. 170(h)(3));

“(4) the term ‘Secretary’ means the Secretary of the Interior; and

“(5) the term ‘System’ means the John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System established by the Coastal Barrier Resources Act (16 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.), as amended by this Act.”

§ 3504. Limitations on Federal expenditures affecting the System

(a) Construction or purchase of structure, facility, road, airport, etc.; projects to prevent erosion; exceptions

Except as provided in section 3505 of this title, no new expenditures or new financial assistance may be made available under authority of any Federal law for any purpose within the System, including, but not limited to—

(1) the construction or purchase of any structure, appurtenance, facility, or related infrastructure;

(2) the construction or purchase of any road, airport, boat landing facility, or other facility on, or bridge or causeway to, any System unit; and

(3) the carrying out of any project to prevent the erosion of, or to otherwise stabilize, any inlet, shoreline, or inshore area, except that such assistance and expenditures may be made available on units designated pursuant to section 3503 of this title on maps numbered S01 through S08 and LA07 for purposes other than encouraging development and, in all units, in cases where an emergency threatens life, land, and property immediately adjacent to that unit.

(b) New expenditures or new financial assistance

An expenditure or financial assistance made available under authority of Federal law shall, for purposes of this chapter, be a new expenditure or new financial assistance if—

(1) in any case with respect to which specific appropriations are required, no money for construction or purchase purposes was appropriated before the date on which the relevant System unit or portion of the System unit was included within the System under this chapter or the Coastal Barrier Improvement Act of 1990; or

(2) no legally binding commitment for the expenditure or financial assistance was made before such date.

(Pub. L. 97-348, § 5, Oct. 18, 1982, 96 Stat. 1656; Pub. L. 101-591, §§ 2(b)(2), 5(c), Nov. 16, 1990, 104 Stat. 2931, 2936.)

Editorial Notes

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Coastal Barrier Improvement Act of 1990, referred to in subsec. (b)(1), is Pub. L. 101-591, Nov. 16, 1990, 104 Stat. 2931, which enacted section 1441a-3 of Title 12, Banks and Banking, amended sections 3502 to 3506 and 3510 of this title and section 4028 of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare, enacted provisions set out as notes under section 3503 of this title, and repealed provisions set out as a note under section 3505 of this title. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title of 1990 Amendment note set out under section 3501 of this title and Tables.

AMENDMENTS

1990—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 101-591, § 2(b)(2)(A), in introductory provisions substituted “the System” for “the Coastal Barrier Resources System”.

Subsec. (a)(3). Pub. L. 101-591, § 5(c), substituted “through S08 and LA07” for “through S08”.

Subsec. (b)(1). Pub. L. 101-591, § 2(b)(2)(B), substituted “on which the relevant System unit or portion of the System unit was included within the System under this chapter or the Coastal Barrier Improvement Act of 1990” for “of the enactment of this Act”.

Subsec. (b)(2). Pub. L. 101-591, § 2(b)(2)(C), struck out “of enactment” after “before such date”.

§ 3505. Exceptions to limitations on expenditures

(a) In general

Notwithstanding section 3504 of this title, the appropriate Federal officer, after consultation with the Secretary, may make Federal expenditures and may make financial assistance available within the System for the following:

(1) Any use or facility necessary for the exploration, extraction, or transportation of energy resources which can be carried out only on, in, or adjacent to a coastal water area because the use or facility requires access to the coastal water body.

(2) The maintenance or construction of improvements of existing Federal navigation channels (including the Intracoastal Waterway) and related structures (such as jetties), including the disposal of dredge materials related to such maintenance or construction.

(3) The maintenance, replacement, reconstruction, or repair, but not the expansion, of publicly owned or publicly operated roads, structures, or facilities that are essential links in a larger network or system.

(4) Military activities essential to national security.

(5) The construction, operation, maintenance, and rehabilitation of Coast Guard facilities and access thereto.

(6) Any of the following actions or projects, if a particular expenditure or the making available of particular assistance for the action or project is consistent with the purposes of this chapter:

(A) Projects for the study, management, protection, and enhancement of fish and wildlife resources and habitats, including acquisition of fish and wildlife habitats and related lands, stabilization projects for fish and wildlife habitats, and recreational projects.