

**(b) Expenditures from Fund****(1) In general**

Subject to paragraph (2), on request by the Secretary, the Secretary of the Treasury shall transfer from the Fund to the Secretary, without further appropriation, such amounts as the Secretary determines are necessary to carry out section 6603 of this title.

**(2) Administrative expenses**

Of the amounts in the account available for each fiscal year, the Secretary may expend not more than 5 percent, or up to \$150,000, whichever is greater, to pay the administrative expenses necessary to carry out this chapter.

**(c) Investment of amounts****(1) In general**

The Secretary of the Treasury shall invest such portion of the Fund as is not, in the judgment of the Secretary of the Treasury, required to meet current withdrawals. Investments may be made only in interest-bearing obligations of the United States.

**(2) Acquisition of obligations**

For the purpose of investments under paragraph (1), obligations may be acquired—

- (A) on original issue at the issue price; or
- (B) by purchase of outstanding obligations at the market price.

**(3) Sale of obligations**

Any obligation acquired by the Fund may be sold by the Secretary of the Treasury at the market price.

**(4) Credits to Fund**

The interest on, and the proceeds from the sale or redemption of, any obligations held in the Fund shall be credited to and form a part of the Fund.

**(d) Transfers of amounts****(1) In general**

The amounts required to be transferred to the Fund under this section shall be transferred at least monthly from the general fund of the Treasury to the Fund on the basis of estimates made by the Secretary of the Treasury.

**(2) Adjustments**

Proper adjustment shall be made in amounts subsequently transferred to the extent prior estimates were in excess of or less than the amounts required to be transferred.

**(e) Acceptance and use of donations**

The Secretary may accept and use donations to provide assistance under section 6603 of this title. Amounts received by the Secretary in the form of donations shall be transferred to the Secretary of the Treasury for deposit in the Fund.

(Pub. L. 108-266, §5, July 2, 2004, 118 Stat. 794; Pub. L. 116-9, title VII, §7001(c)(3)(D), Mar. 12, 2019, 133 Stat. 788.)

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## AMENDMENTS

2019—Subsec. (a)(2). Pub. L. 116-9, §7001(c)(3)(D)(i), substituted “section 6606(a)” for “section 6605”.

Subsec. (b)(2). Pub. L. 116-9, §7001(c)(3)(D)(ii), substituted “5 percent, or up to \$150,000” for “3 percent, or up to \$80,000”.

**§ 6605. Advisory group****(a) In general**

To assist in carrying out this chapter, the Secretary may convene an advisory group consisting of individuals representing public and private organizations actively involved in the conservation of marine turtles, freshwater turtles, or tortoises.

**(b) Public participation****(1) Meetings**

The Advisory Group shall—

(A) ensure that each meeting of the advisory group is open to the public; and

(B) provide, at each meeting, an opportunity for interested persons to present oral or written statements concerning items on the agenda.

**(2) Notice**

The Secretary shall provide to the public timely notice of each meeting of the advisory group.

**(3) Minutes**

Minutes of each meeting of the advisory group shall be kept by the Secretary and shall be made available to the public.

**(c) Exemption from Federal Advisory Committee Act**

The Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.) shall not apply to the advisory group.

(Pub. L. 108-266, §6, July 2, 2004, 118 Stat. 795; Pub. L. 116-9, title VII, §7001(c)(3)(E), Mar. 12, 2019, 133 Stat. 788.)

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## REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Federal Advisory Committee Act, referred to in subsec. (c), is Pub. L. 92-463, Oct. 6, 1972, 86 Stat. 770, as amended, which is set out in the Appendix to Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.

## AMENDMENTS

2019—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 116-9 inserted “, freshwater turtles, or tortoises” after “marine turtles”.

**§ 6606. Authorization of appropriations****(a) In general**

There is authorized to be appropriated to the Fund \$5,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2019 through 2023.

**(b) Allocation**

Of the amounts made available for each fiscal year pursuant to subsection (a)—

(1) not less than \$1,510,000 shall be used by the Secretary for marine turtle conservation purposes in accordance with this chapter; and

(2) of the amounts in excess of the amount described in paragraph (1), not less than 40 percent shall be used by the Secretary for freshwater turtle and tortoise conservation purposes in accordance with this chapter.

(Pub. L. 108-266, §7, July 2, 2004, 118 Stat. 795; Pub. L. 116-9, title VII, §7001(c)(3)(F), Mar. 12, 2019, 133 Stat. 788.)