

**§ 760f. Migratory game fish study; authorization to acquire facilities, employ officers and employees, cooperate with State and other agencies, and to publish results**

For the purpose of carrying out the provisions of sections 760e to 760g of this title, the Secretary of Commerce is authorized (1) to acquire lands, construct laboratory or other buildings, purchase boats, acquire such other equipment and apparatus, and to employ such officers and employees as he deems necessary; (2) to cooperate or contract with State and other institutions and agencies upon such terms and conditions as he determines to be appropriate; and (3) to make public the results of such research conducted pursuant to section 760e of this title.

(Pub. L. 86-359, §2, Sept. 22, 1959, 73 Stat. 642; 1970 Reorg. Plan No. 4, §1(b), eff. Oct. 3, 1970, 35 F.R. 15627, 84 Stat. 2090.)

**Executive Documents**

TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

Transfer of functions to Secretary of Commerce from Secretary of the Interior by Reorg. Plan No. 4 of 1970, see note set out under section 755 of this title.

**§ 760g. Authorization of appropriations for migratory game fish study**

There are hereby authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of sections 760e to 760g of this title: *Provided*, That no more than \$2,700,000 be appropriated for this purpose in any one fiscal year.

(Pub. L. 86-359, §3, Sept. 22, 1959, 73 Stat. 643.)

**§§ 760h to 760l. Omitted**

**Editorial Notes**

CODIFICATION

Section 760h, Pub. L. 87-173, §1, Aug. 30, 1961, 75 Stat. 409, provided for establishment of shellfisheries research center at Milford, Connecticut and included a statement of purpose.

Section 760i, Pub. L. 87-173, §2, Aug. 30, 1961, 75 Stat. 409, authorized appropriation of \$1,325,000 to carry out section 760h of this title.

Section 760j, Pub. L. 87-580, §1, Aug. 9, 1962, 76 Stat. 356, related to propagation of disease resistant oysters, acquisition of brood stock, transfer and distribution, and for State sharing of costs.

Section 760k, Pub. L. 87-580, §2, Aug. 9, 1962, 76 Stat. 356, authorized grants to States for research and other necessary activities in development and propagation of disease-resistant strains of oysters and conditions of such grants.

Section 760l, Pub. L. 87-580, §3, Aug. 9, 1962, 76 Stat. 357, authorized appropriation of \$100,000 to carry out sections 760j to 760l of this title.

**CHAPTER 9B—NATIONAL FISH HATCHERY SYSTEM ENHANCEMENT**

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**§ 760aa. Findings and purposes**

**(a) Findings**

Congress finds the following:

(1) The National Fish Hatchery System (in this chapter referred to as the "System")—

(A) consists of more than 60 hatcheries, seven fish technology centers, 9 fish health centers, and other fisheries program offices;

(B) plays an integral role in the recovery of more than 50 threatened species and endangered species and the restoration of over 100 native species;

(C) provides healthy fish populations that support recreational fishing opportunities, many of which are related to Federal water control structures; and

(D) works with over 250 partners to help mitigate the impacts of aquatic habitat loss and invasive species.

(2) The System faces many challenges, including aging facilities, some of which date back to the late 1800s, and maintenance of intensive infrastructures such as wells, pumps, valves, pipes, filters, heaters, chillers, and treatment systems that must keep clean water moving 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

(3) By encouraging volunteer programs and donations and fostering non-Federal partnerships with hatchery facilities, Federal funding for the hatcheries can be supplemented.

(4) By encouraging hatchery educational programs, public awareness of the resources of the System and public participation in the conservation of aquatic resources can be promoted.

**(b) Purposes**

The purposes of this chapter are the following:

(1) To encourage the use of volunteers to assist the United States Fish and Wildlife Service in the management of hatcheries within the System.

(2) To facilitate partnerships between the System and non-Federal entities to promote public awareness of the resources of the System and public participation in the conservation of those resources.

(3) To encourage donations and other contributions by individuals and organizations to the System.

(Pub. L. 109-360, §2, Oct. 16, 2006, 120 Stat. 2058.)

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**

SHORT TITLE

Pub. L. 109-360, §1, Oct. 16, 2006, 120 Stat. 2058, provided that: "This Act [enacting this chapter] may be cited as the 'National Fish Hatchery System Volunteer Act of 2006'."

**§ 760aa-1. Gifts to system and particular national fish hatcheries**

**(a) Authorization of gifts, devises, and bequests for system**

In furtherance of the purposes of this chapter, the Secretary of the Interior may accept any gifts, devises, or bequests of real and personal property, or proceeds therefrom, or interests therein, for the benefit of the National Fish Hatchery System. Such acceptance may be subject to the terms of any restrictive or affirmative covenant, or condition of servitude, if such terms are deemed by the Secretary to be in ac-