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To amend the Coastal Zone Management Act.

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Ms. SNOWE (for herself, Ms. CANTWELL, and Mr. LEVIN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

4 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the
5 “Coastal Zone Enhancement Reauthorization Act of
6 2007”.

7 (b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents for
8 this Act is as follows:

- Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.
- Sec. 2. Amendment of Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972.
- Sec. 3. Findings.
- Sec. 4. Policy.
- Sec. 5. Changes in definitions.
- Sec. 6. Reauthorization of management program development grants.

- Sec. 7. Administrative grants.
- Sec. 8. Coastal resource improvement program.
- Sec. 9. Certain Federal agency activities.
- Sec. 10. Coastal zone management fund.
- Sec. 11. Coastal zone enhancement grants.
- Sec. 12. Coastal community program.
- Sec. 13. Technical assistance; resources assessments; information systems.
- Sec. 14. Performance review.
- Sec. 15. Walter B. Jones awards.
- Sec. 16. National Estuarine Research Reserve System.
- Sec. 17. Coastal zone management reports.
- Sec. 18. Authorization of appropriations.
- Sec. 19. Deadline for decision on appeals of consistency determination.
- Sec. 20. Effects of climate change on coastal zone management.
- Sec. 21. Coordination with Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

1 **SEC. 2. AMENDMENT OF COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT ACT**
 2 **OF 1972.**

3 Except as otherwise expressly provided, whenever in
 4 this Act an amendment or repeal is expressed in terms
 5 of an amendment to, or repeal of, a section or other provi-
 6 sion, the reference shall be considered to be made to a
 7 section or other provision of the Coastal Zone Manage-
 8 ment Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. 1451 et seq.).

9 **SEC. 3. FINDINGS.**

10 Section 302 (16 U.S.C. 1451) is amended—

11 (1) by redesignating paragraphs (a) through
 12 (m) as paragraphs (1) through (13);

13 (2) by inserting “ports,” in paragraph (3) (as
 14 so redesignated) after “fossil fuels,”;

15 (3) by inserting “including coastal waters and
 16 wetlands,” in paragraph (4) (as so redesignated)
 17 after “zone,”;

1 (4) by striking “therein,” in paragraph (4) (as
2 so redesignated) and inserting “dependent on that
3 habitat,”;

4 (5) by striking “well-being” in paragraph (5)
5 (as so redesignated) and inserting “quality of life”;

6 (6) by inserting “integrated plans and strate-
7 gies,” after “including” in paragraph (9) (as so re-
8 designated);

9 (7) by striking paragraph (11) (as so redesi-
10 gnated) and inserting the following:

11 “(11) Land and water uses in the coastal zone
12 and coastal watersheds may significantly affect the
13 quality of coastal waters and habitats, and efforts to
14 control coastal water pollution from activities in
15 these areas must be improved.”; and

16 (8) by adding at the end thereof the following:

17 “(14) There is a need to enhance cooperation
18 and coordination among states and local commu-
19 nities, to encourage local community-based solutions
20 that address the impacts and pressures on coastal
21 resources and on public facilities and public service
22 caused by continued coastal demands, and to in-
23 crease state and local capacity to identify public in-
24 frastructure and open space needs and develop and
25 implement plans which provide for sustainable

1 growth, resource protection and community revital-
2 ization.

3 “(15) The establishment of a national system of
4 estuarine research reserves will provide for protec-
5 tion of essential estuarine resources, as well as for
6 a network of State-based reserves that will serve as
7 sites for coastal stewardship best-practices, moni-
8 toring, research, education, and training to improve
9 coastal management and to help translate science
10 and inform coastal decisionmakers and the public.”.

11 **SEC. 4. POLICY.**

12 Section 303 (16 U.S.C. 1452) is amended—

13 (1) by striking “the states” in paragraph (2)
14 and inserting “state and local governments”;

15 (2) by striking “programs” the first place it ap-
16 pears in paragraph (2) and inserting “programs,
17 plans, and strategies”;

18 (3) by striking “waters,” each place it appears
19 in paragraph (2)(C) and inserting “waters and habi-
20 tats,”;

21 (4) by striking “agencies and state and wildlife
22 agencies; and” in paragraph (2)(J) and inserting
23 “and wildlife management, and”;

1 (5) by striking “specificity” in paragraph (3)
2 and inserting “specificity, cooperation, coordination,
3 and effectiveness”;

4 (6) by inserting “other countries,” after “agen-
5 cies,” in paragraph (5);

6 (7) by striking “and” at the end of paragraph
7 (5);

8 (8) by striking “zone.” in paragraph (6) and in-
9 serting “zone;”; and

10 (9) by adding at the end thereof the following:

11 “(7) to create and use a National Estuarine
12 Research Reserve System as a Federal, State, and
13 community partnership to support and enhance
14 coastal management and stewardship through State-
15 based conservation, monitoring, research, education,
16 outreach, and training; and

17 “(8) to encourage the development, application,
18 training, technical assistance, and transfer of inno-
19 vative coastal management practices and coastal and
20 estuarine environmental technologies and techniques
21 to improve understanding and management decision-
22 making for the long-term conservation of coastal
23 ecosystems.”.

24 **SEC. 5. CHANGES IN DEFINITIONS.**

25 Section 304 (16 U.S.C. 1453) is amended—

1 (1) by striking “and the Trust Territories of
2 the Pacific Islands,” in paragraph (4);

3 (2) in paragraph (6)(B)—

4 (A) by inserting “(ix) use or reuse of facili-
5 ties authorized under the Outer Continental
6 Shelf Lands Act (43 U.S.C. 1331 et seq.) for
7 energy-related purposes or other authorized ma-
8 rine related purposes;” after “transmission fa-
9 cilities;”; and

10 (B) by striking “and (ix)” and inserting
11 “and (x);

12 (3) by striking paragraph (8) and inserting the
13 following:

14 “(8) The terms ‘estuarine reserve’ and ‘estua-
15 rine research reserve’ mean a coastal protected area
16 that—

17 “(A) may include any part or all of an es-
18 tuary and any island, transitional area, and up-
19 land in, adjoining, or adjacent to the estuary;

20 “(B) constitutes to the extent feasible a
21 natural unit; and

22 “(C) is established to provide long-term
23 opportunities for conducting scientific studies
24 and monitoring and educational and training
25 programs that improve the understanding,

1 stewardship, and management of estuaries and
2 improve coastal decisionmaking.”;

3 (4) by inserting “plans, strategies,” after “poli-
4 cies,” in paragraph (12);

5 (5) in paragraph (13)—

6 (A) by inserting “or alternative energy
7 sources on or” after “natural gas”;

8 (B) by striking “new or expanded” and in-
9 serting “new, reused, or expanded”; and

10 (C) by striking “or production.” and in-
11 serting “production, or other energy related
12 purposes.”;

13 (6) by striking “policies; standards” in para-
14 graph (17) and inserting “policies, standards, incen-
15 tives, guidelines,”; and

16 (7) by adding at the end the following:

17 “(19) The term ‘coastal nonpoint pollution con-
18 trol strategies and measures’ means strategies and
19 measures included as part of the coastal nonpoint
20 pollution control program under section 6217 of the
21 Coastal Zone Act Reauthorization Amendments of
22 1990 (16 U.S.C. 1455b).

23 “(20) The term ‘qualified local entity’ means—

24 “(A) any local government;

1 “(B) any areawide agency referred to in
2 section 204(a)(1) of the Demonstration Cities
3 and Metropolitan Development Act of 1966 (42
4 U.S.C. 3334 (a)(1));

5 “(C) any regional agency;

6 “(D) any interstate agency;

7 “(E) any nonprofit organization; or

8 “(F) any reserve established under section
9 315.”.

10 **SEC. 6. REAUTHORIZATION OF MANAGEMENT PROGRAM**
11 **DEVELOPMENT GRANTS.**

12 Section 305 (16 U.S.C. 1454) is amended to read as
13 follows:

14 **“SEC. 305. MANAGEMENT PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT**
15 **GRANTS.**

16 “(a) STATES WITHOUT PROGRAMS.—In fiscal years
17 2008 and 2009, the Secretary may make a grant annually
18 to any coastal state without an approved program if the
19 coastal state demonstrates to the satisfaction of the Sec-
20 retary that the grant will be used to develop a manage-
21 ment program consistent with the requirements set forth
22 in section 306. The amount of any such grant shall not
23 exceed \$200,000 in any fiscal year, and shall require State
24 matching funds according to a 4-to-1 ratio of Federal-to-
25 State contributions. After an initial grant is made to a

1 coastal state under this subsection, no subsequent grant
2 may be made to that coastal state under this subsection
3 unless the Secretary finds that the coastal state is satis-
4 factorily developing its management program. No coastal
5 state is eligible to receive more than 4 grants under this
6 subsection.

7 “(b) SUBMITTAL OF PROGRAM FOR APPROVAL.—A
8 coastal state that has completed the development of its
9 management program shall submit the program to the
10 Secretary for review and approval under section 306.”.

11 **SEC. 7. ADMINISTRATIVE GRANTS.**

12 (a) PURPOSES.—Section 306(a) (16 U.S.C. 1455(a))
13 is amended by striking “administering that State’s man-
14 agement program,” and inserting “administering and im-
15 plementing that State’s management program and any
16 plans, projects, or activities developed pursuant to such
17 program, including developing and implementing applica-
18 ble coastal nonpoint pollution control program compo-
19 nents,”.

20 (b) EQUITABLE ALLOCATION OF FUNDING.—Section
21 306(e) (16 U.S.C. 1455(e)) is amended by adding at the
22 end thereof “In promoting equity, the Secretary shall con-
23 sider the overall change in grant funding under this sec-
24 tion from the preceding fiscal year and minimize the rel-
25 ative increases or decreases among all the eligible States.

1 To the extent practicable, the Secretary shall ensure that
2 each eligible State receives increased funding under this
3 section in any fiscal year for which the total amount ap-
4 propriated to carry out this section is greater than the
5 total amount appropriated to carry out this section for the
6 preceding fiscal year.

7 (c) ACQUISITION CRITERIA.—Section 306(d)(10)(B)
8 (16 U.S.C. 1455(d)(10)(B)) is amended by striking “less
9 than fee simple” and inserting “other”.

10 (d) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section
11 306(d)(13)(B) (16 U.S.C. 1455(d)(13)(B)) is amended by
12 inserting “policies, plans, strategies,” after “specific”.

13 **SEC. 8. COASTAL RESOURCE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM.**

14 Section 306A (16 U.S.C. 1455a) is amended—

15 (1) by inserting “or other important coastal
16 habitats” in subsection (b)(1)(A) after “306(d)(9)”;

17 (2) by inserting “or historic” in subsection
18 (b)(2) after “urban”;

19 (3) by adding at the end of subsection (b) the
20 following:

21 “(5) The coordination and implementation of
22 approved coastal nonpoint pollution control plans,
23 strategies, and measures.

24 “(6) The preservation, restoration, enhance-
25 ment or creation of coastal habitats.”;

1 (4) by inserting “planning,” before “engineer-
2 ing” in subsection (c)(2)(D);

3 (5) by striking “and” after the semicolon in
4 subsection (c)(2)(D);

5 (6) by striking “section.” in subsection
6 (c)(2)(E) and inserting “section;”;

7 (7) by adding at the end of subsection (c)(2)
8 the following:

9 “(F) work, resources, or technical support
10 necessary to preserve, restore, enhance, or cre-
11 ate coastal habitats; and

12 “(G) the coordination and implementation
13 of approved coastal nonpoint pollution control
14 plans, strategies, measures.”; and

15 (8) by striking subsections (d), (e), and (f) and
16 inserting after subsection (c) the following:

17 “(d) SOURCE OF FEDERAL GRANTS; STATE MATCH-
18 ING CONTRIBUTIONS.—

19 “(1) IN GENERAL.—If a coastal state chooses
20 to fund a project under this section, then—

21 “(A) it shall submit to the Secretary a
22 combined application for grants under this sec-
23 tion and section 306;

1 “(B) it shall match the combined amount
2 of such grants in the ratio required by section
3 306(a) for grants under that section; and

4 “(C) the Federal funding for the project
5 shall be a portion of that state’s annual alloca-
6 tion under section 306(a).

7 “(2) USE OF FUNDS.—Grants provided under
8 this section may be used to pay a coastal state’s
9 share of costs required under any other Federal pro-
10 gram that is consistent with the purposes of this
11 section.

12 “(e) ALLOCATION OF GRANTS TO QUALIFIED LOCAL
13 ENTITY.—With the approval of the Secretary, the eligible
14 coastal state may allocate to a qualified local entity a por-
15 tion of any grant made under this section for the purpose
16 of carrying out this section; except that such an allocation
17 shall not relieve that state of the responsibility for ensur-
18 ing that any funds so allocated are applied in furtherance
19 of the state’s approved management program and con-
20 sistent with the policies of this Act.

21 “(f) ASSISTANCE.—The Secretary shall assist eligible
22 coastal states in identifying and obtaining from other Fed-
23 eral agencies technical and financial assistance in achiev-
24 ing the objectives set forth in subsection (b).”.

1 **SEC. 9. CERTAIN FEDERAL AGENCY ACTIVITIES.**

2 Section 307(c)(1) (16 U.S.C. 1456(c)(1)) is amended
3 by adding at the end the following:

4 “(D) The provisions of paragraph (1)(A),
5 and implementing regulations thereunder, with
6 respect to a Federal agency activity inland of
7 the coastal zone of the State of Alaska, apply
8 only if the activity directly and significantly af-
9 fects a land or water use or a natural resource
10 of the Alaskan coastal zone.”.

11 **SEC. 10. COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT FUND.**

12 (a) TREATMENT OF LOAN REPAYMENTS.—Section
13 308(a)(2) (16 U.S.C. 1456a(a)(2)) is amended to read as
14 follows:

15 “(2) Loan repayments made under this sub-
16 section shall be retained by the Secretary and depos-
17 ited into the Coastal Zone Management Fund estab-
18 lished under subsection (b) and shall be made avail-
19 able to the States for grants as under subsection
20 (b)(2).”.

21 (b) USE OF AMOUNTS IN FUND.—Section 308(b) (16
22 U.S.C. 1456a(b)) is amended by striking paragraphs (2)
23 and (3) and inserting the following:

24 “(2) Subject to appropriation Acts, amounts in
25 the Fund shall be available to the Secretary to make
26 grants to the States for—

1 “(A) projects to address coastal and ocean
2 management issues which are regional in scope,
3 including intrastate and interstate projects; and

4 “(B) projects that have high potential for
5 improving coastal zone and watershed manage-
6 ment.

7 “(3) Projects funded under this subsection shall
8 apply an integrated, watershed-based management
9 approach and advance the purpose of this Act to
10 preserve, protect, develop, and where possible, to re-
11 store or enhance, the resources of the Nation’s
12 coastal zone for this and succeeding generations.”.

13 **SEC. 11. COASTAL ZONE ENHANCEMENT GRANTS.**

14 Section 309 (16 U.S.C. 1456b) is amended—

15 (1) by striking subsection (a)(1) and inserting
16 the following:

17 “(1) Protection, restoration, enhancement, or
18 creation of coastal habitats, including wetlands,
19 coral reefs, marshes, and barrier islands.”;

20 (2) by inserting “and removal” after “entry” in
21 subsection (a)(4);

22 (3) by striking “on various individual uses or
23 activities on resources, such as coastal wetlands and
24 fishery resources.” in subsection (a)(5) and inserting
25 “of various individual uses or activities on coastal

1 waters, habitats, and resources, including sources of
2 polluted runoff.”;

3 (4) by adding at the end of subsection (a) the
4 following:

5 “(10) Development and enhancement of coastal
6 nonpoint pollution control program components,
7 strategies, and measures, including the satisfaction
8 of conditions placed on such programs as part of the
9 Secretary’s approval of the programs.

10 “(11) Significant emerging coastal issues as
11 identified by coastal states, in consultation with the
12 Secretary and qualified local entities.”;

13 (5) by striking “changes” in subsection
14 (b)(2)(A) and inserting “changes, or for projects
15 that demonstrate significant potential for improving
16 ocean resource management or integrated coastal
17 and watershed management at the local, state, or re-
18 gional level,”;

19 (6) by striking “proposals, taking into account
20 the criteria established by the Secretary under sub-
21 section (d).” in subsection (c) and inserting “pro-
22 posals.”;

23 (7) by striking subsection (d) and redesignating
24 subsections (e), (f), and (g) as subsections (d), (e),
25 and (f), respectively; and

1 (8) by striking “in implementing this section,
2 up to a maximum of \$10,000,000 annually.” in sub-
3 section (e), as redesignated, and inserting “for
4 grants to the States.”.

5 **SEC. 12. COASTAL COMMUNITY PROGRAM.**

6 The Act is amended by inserting after section 309
7 the following:

8 **“SEC. 309A. COASTAL COMMUNITY PROGRAM.**

9 “(a) COASTAL COMMUNITY GRANTS.—The Secretary
10 may make grants to any coastal state that is eligible under
11 subsection (b)—

12 “(1) to assist coastal communities in assessing
13 and managing growth, public infrastructure, and
14 open space needs in order to provide for sustainable
15 growth, resource protection and community revital-
16 ization;

17 “(2) to provide management-oriented research
18 and technical assistance in developing and imple-
19 menting community-based growth management and
20 resource protection strategies in qualified local enti-
21 ties as long as such strategies are consistent with
22 the policies of this Act;

23 “(3) to fund demonstration projects which have
24 high potential for improving coastal zone manage-
25 ment at the local level;

1 “(4) to assist in the adoption of plans, strate-
2 gies, policies, or procedures to support local commu-
3 nity-based environmentally-protective solutions to
4 the impacts and pressures on coastal uses and re-
5 sources caused by development and sprawl that
6 will—

7 “(A) revitalize previously developed areas;

8 “(B) undertake conservation activities and
9 projects in undeveloped and environmentally
10 sensitive areas;

11 “(C) emphasize water-dependent uses; and

12 “(D) protect coastal waters and habitats;

13 and

14 “(5) to assist coastal communities to coordinate
15 and implement approved coastal nonpoint pollution
16 control strategies and measures that reduce the
17 causes and impacts of polluted runoff on coastal wa-
18 ters and habitats.”.

19 “(b) ELIGIBILITY.—To be eligible for a grant under
20 this section for a fiscal year, a coastal state shall—

21 “(1) have a management program approved
22 under section 306; and

23 “(2) in the judgment of the Secretary, be mak-
24 ing satisfactory progress in activities designed to re-
25 sult in significant improvement in achieving the

1 coastal management objectives specified in subpara-
2 graphs (A) through (K) of section 303(2).

3 “(c) ALLOCATIONS; SOURCE OF FEDERAL GRANTS;
4 STATE MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS.—

5 “(1) ALLOCATION.—Grants under this section
6 shall be allocated to coastal states as provided in
7 section 306(c).

8 “(2) APPLICATION; MATCHING.—If a coastal
9 state chooses to fund a project under this section,
10 then—

11 “(A) it shall submit to the Secretary a
12 combined application for grants under this sec-
13 tion and section 306; and

14 “(B) it shall match the amount of the
15 grant under this section on the basis of a total
16 contribution of section 306, 306A, and this sec-
17 tion so that, in aggregate, the match is 1:1.

18 “(d) ALLOCATION OF GRANTS TO QUALIFIED LOCAL
19 ENTITY.—

20 “(1) IN GENERAL.—With the approval of the
21 Secretary, the eligible coastal state may allocate to
22 a qualified local entity amounts received by the state
23 under this section.

24 “(2) ASSURANCES.—A coastal state shall en-
25 sure that amounts allocated by the state under para-

1 graph (1) are used by the qualified local entity in
2 furtherance of the state’s approved management
3 program, specifically furtherance of the coastal man-
4 agement objectives specified in section 303(2) and
5 the policies of this Act.

6 “(e) ASSISTANCE.—The Secretary shall assist eligible
7 coastal states and qualified local entities in identifying and
8 obtaining from other Federal agencies technical and finan-
9 cial assistance in achieving the objectives set forth in sub-
10 section (a).”.

11 **SEC. 13. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE; RESOURCES ASSESS-**
12 **MENTS; INFORMATION SYSTEMS.**

13 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 310 (16 U.S.C. 1456c) is
14 amended—

15 (1) by inserting “(1)” before “The Secretary”
16 in subsection (a);

17 (2) by striking “assistance” in the first sen-
18 tence in subsection (a) and inserting “assistance,
19 technology and methodology development, training
20 and information transfer, resources assessment,”;

21 (3) by resetting the second and third sentences
22 in subsection (a) as a new paragraph and inserting
23 “(2)” before “Each”;

1 (4) by striking “and research activities” in sub-
2 section (b)(1) and inserting “research activities, and
3 other support services and activities”;

4 (5) by adding at the end of subsection (b)(1)
5 the following: “The Secretary may conduct a pro-
6 gram to develop and apply innovative coastal and es-
7 tuarine environmental technology and methodology
8 through a cooperative program, and to support the
9 development, application, training and technical as-
10 sistance, and transfer of effective coastal manage-
11 ment practices. The Secretary may make extramural
12 grants in carrying out the purpose of this sub-
13 section.”;

14 (6) by adding at the end of subsection (b)(3)
15 the following: “The Secretary shall establish regional
16 advisory committees including representatives of the
17 Governors of each state within the region, univer-
18 sities, colleges, coastal and marine laboratories, Sea
19 Grant College programs within the region and rep-
20 resentatives from the private and public sector with
21 relevant expertise. The Secretary will report to the
22 regional advisory committees on activities under-
23 taken by the Secretary and other agencies pursuant
24 to this section, and the regional advisory committees
25 shall identify research, technical assistance and in-

1 formation needs and priorities. The regional advisory
2 committees are not subject to the requirements of
3 the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C.
4 App.).”; and

5 (7) by adding at the end the following:

6 “(c)(1) The Secretary shall consult with the regional
7 advisory committees concerning the development of a
8 coastal resources assessment and information program to
9 support development and maintenance of integrated coast-
10 al resource assessments of state natural, cultural and eco-
11 nomic attributes, and coastal information programs for
12 the collection and dissemination of data and information,
13 product development, and outreach based on the needs
14 and priorities of coastal and ocean managers and user
15 groups.

16 “(2) The Secretary shall assist coastal states in iden-
17 tifying and obtaining financial and technical assistance
18 from other Federal agencies and may make grants to
19 states in carrying out the purpose of this section and to
20 provide ongoing support for state resource assessment and
21 information programs.”.

22 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The section head-
23 ing for section 310 (16 U.S.C. 1456c) is amended to read
24 as follows:

1 **“SEC. 310. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, RESOURCES ASSESS-**
2 **MENTS, AND INFORMATION SYSTEMS.**

3 **SEC. 14. PERFORMANCE REVIEW.**

4 Section 312(a) (16 U.S.C. 1458(a)) is amended—

5 (1) by striking “continuing review of the per-

6 formance” and inserting “periodic review, no less

7 frequently than every 5 years, of the administration,

8 implementation, and performance”;

9 (2) by striking “management.” and inserting

10 “management programs.”;

11 (3) by striking “has implemented and enforced”

12 and inserting “has effectively administered, imple-

13 mented, and enforced”;

14 (4) by striking “addressed the coastal manage-

15 ment needs identified” and inserting “furthered the

16 national coastal policies and objectives set forth”;

17 and

18 (5) by inserting “coordinated with National Es-

19 tuarine Research Reserves in the state,” after

20 “303(2)(A) through (K),”.

21 **SEC. 15. WALTER B. JONES AWARDS.**

22 Section 314 (16 U.S.C. 1460) is amended—

23 (1) by striking “shall, using sums in the Coast-

24 al Zone Management Fund established under section

25 308” in subsection (a) and inserting “may, using

26 sums available under this Act”;

1 (2) by striking “field.” in subsection (a) and in-
2 serting the following: “field of coastal zone manage-
3 ment. These awards, to be known as the ‘Walter B.
4 Jones Awards’, may include—

5 “(1) cash awards in an amount not to exceed
6 \$5,000 each;

7 “(2) research grants; and

8 “(3) public ceremonies to acknowledge such
9 awards.”;

10 (3) by striking “shall elect annually—” in sub-
11 section (b) and inserting “may select annually if
12 funds are available under subsection (a)—”; and

13 (4) by striking subsection (e).

14 **SEC. 16. NATIONAL ESTUARINE RESEARCH RESERVE SYS-**
15 **TEM.**

16 (a) Section 315(a) (16 U.S.C. 1461(a)) is amended
17 by striking “consists of—” and inserting “is a network
18 of areas protected by Federal, state, and community part-
19 nerships which promotes informed management of the Na-
20 tion’s estuarine and coastal areas through interconnected
21 programs in resource stewardship, education and training,
22 monitoring, research, and scientific understanding con-
23 sisting of—”.

24 (b) Section 315(b)(2) ((16 U.S.C. 1461(b)(2)) is
25 amended—

1 (1) by inserting “for each coastal state or terri-
2 tory” after “research” in subparagraph (A);

3 (2) by striking “public awareness and” in sub-
4 paragraph (C) and inserting “state coastal manage-
5 ment, public awareness, and”; and

6 (3) by striking “public education and interpre-
7 tation; and”; in subparagraph (C) and inserting
8 “education, interpretation, training, and demonstra-
9 tion projects; and”.

10 (c) Section 315(c) (16 U.S.C. 1461(c)) is amended—

11 (1) by striking “RESEARCH” in the subsection
12 caption and inserting “RESEARCH, EDUCATION, AND
13 RESOURCE STEWARDSHIP”;

14 (2) by striking “conduct of research” and in-
15 serting “conduct of research, education, and re-
16 source stewardship”;

17 (3) by striking “coordinated research” in para-
18 graph (1)) and inserting “coordinated research, edu-
19 cation, and resource stewardship”;

20 (4) by striking “research” after “common” in
21 paragraph (2);

22 (5) by striking “research programs” in para-
23 graph (2) and inserting “research, education, and
24 resource stewardship programs”;

1 (6) by striking “research” after “uniform” in
2 paragraph (3);

3 (7) by striking “data,” in paragraph (3) and in-
4 sserting “information,”;

5 (8) by striking “research” after “application
6 of” in paragraph (3);

7 (9) by striking “research purposes;” in para-
8 graph (3) and inserting “research, education, and
9 resource stewardship purposes;”;

10 (10) by striking “research efforts” in para-
11 graph (4) and inserting “research, education, and
12 resource stewardship efforts”;

13 (11) by striking “research” in paragraph (5)
14 and inserting “research, education, and resource
15 stewardship”; and

16 (12) by striking “research” in the last sentence.

17 (d) Section 315(d) (16 U.S.C. 1461(d)) is amend-
18 ed—

19 (1) by striking “ESTUARINE RESEARCH.—” in
20 the subsection caption and inserting “ESTUARINE
21 RESEARCH, EDUCATION, AND RESOURCE STEWARD-
22 SHIP.—”;

23 (2) by striking “research purposes” and insert-
24 ing “research, education, and resource stewardship
25 purposes”;

1 (3) by striking paragraph (1) and inserting the
2 following:

3 “(1) giving reasonable priority to research, edu-
4 cation, and stewardship activities that use the Sys-
5 tem in conducting or supporting activities relating to
6 estuaries;”;

7 (4) by striking “research.” in paragraph (2)
8 and inserting “research, education, and resource
9 stewardship activities; and”;

10 (5) by adding at the end thereof the following:

11 “(3) establishing partnerships with other Fed-
12 eral and state estuarine management programs to
13 coordinate and collaborate on estuarine research.”.

14 (e) Section 315(e) (16 U.S.C. 1461(e)) is amended—

15 (1) by striking “reserve,” in paragraph
16 (1)(A)(i) and inserting “reserve; and”;

17 (2) by striking “and constructing appropriate
18 reserve facilities, or” in paragraph (1)(A)(ii) and in-
19 serting “including resource stewardship activities
20 and constructing reserve facilities; and”;

21 (3) by striking paragraph (1)(A)(iii);

22 (4) by striking paragraph (1)(B) and inserting
23 the following:

24 “(B) to any coastal state or public or pri-
25 vate person for purposes of—

1 “(i) supporting research and moni-
2 toring associated with a national estuarine
3 reserve that are consistent with the re-
4 search guidelines developed under sub-
5 section (c); or

6 “(ii) conducting educational, interpre-
7 tive, or training activities for a national es-
8 tuarine reserve that are consistent with the
9 education guidelines developed under sub-
10 section (c).”;

11 (5) by striking “therein or \$5,000,000, which-
12 ever amount is less.” in paragraph (3)(A) and in-
13 serting “therein. Non-Federal costs associated with
14 the purchase of any lands and waters, or interests
15 therein, which are incorporated into the boundaries
16 of a reserve up to 5 years after the costs are in-
17 curred, may be used to match the Federal share.”;

18 (6) by striking “and (iii)” in paragraph (3)(B);

19 (7) by striking “paragraph (1)(A)(iii)” in para-
20 graph (3)(B) and inserting “paragraph (1)(B)”;

21 (8) by striking “entire System.” in paragraph
22 (3)(B) and inserting “System as a whole.”; and

23 (9) by adding at the end thereof the following:

24 “(4) The Secretary may—

1 “(A) enter into cooperative agreements, fi-
2 nancial agreements, grants, contracts, or other
3 agreements with any nonprofit organization, au-
4 thorizing the organization to solicit donations to
5 carry out the purposes and policies of this sec-
6 tion, other than general administration of re-
7 serves or the System and which are consistent
8 with the purposes and policies of this section;
9 and

10 “(B) accept donations of funds and serv-
11 ices for use in carrying out the purposes and
12 policies of this section, other than general ad-
13 ministration of reserves or the System and
14 which are consistent with the purposes and poli-
15 cies of this section.

16 Donations accepted under this section shall be con-
17 sidered as a gift or bequest to or for the use of the
18 United States for the purpose of carrying out this
19 section.”.

20 (f) Section 315(f)(1) (16 U.S.C. 1461(f)(1)) is
21 amended by inserting “coordination with other state pro-
22 grams established under sections 306 and 309A,” after
23 “including”.

24 **SEC. 17. COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT REPORTS.**

25 Section 316 (16 U.S.C. 1462) is amended—

1 (1) by striking “to the President for trans-
2 mittal” in subsection (a);

3 (2) by striking “zone and an evaluation of the
4 effectiveness of financial assistance under section
5 308 in dealing with such consequences;” and insert-
6 ing “zone;” in subsection (a)(10);

7 (3) by inserting “education,” after “studies,” in
8 subsection (a)(12);

9 (4) by striking “Secretary” in the first sentence
10 of subsection (c)(1) and inserting “Secretary, in con-
11 sultation with coastal states, and with the participa-
12 tion of affected Federal agencies;”;

13 (5) by striking the second sentence of sub-
14 section (c)(1) and inserting the following: “The Sec-
15 retary, in conducting such a review, shall coordinate
16 with, and obtain the views of, appropriate Federal
17 agencies.”;

18 (6) by striking “shall promptly” in subsection
19 (c)(2) and inserting “shall, within 4 years after the
20 date of enactment of the Coastal Zone Enhancement
21 Reauthorization Act of 2007;” and

22 (7) by adding at the end of subsection (c)(2)
23 the following: “If sufficient funds and resources are
24 not available to conduct such a review, the Secretary
25 shall so notify the Congress.”.

1 **SEC. 18. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

2 Section 318 (16 U.S.C. 1464) is amended—

3 (1) by striking paragraphs (1) and (2) of sub-
4 section (a) and inserting the following:

5 “(1) for grants under sections 306, 306A, and
6 309—

7 “(A) \$90,500,000 for fiscal year 2008,

8 “(B) \$94,000,000 for fiscal year 2009,

9 “(C) \$98,000,000 for fiscal year 2010,

10 “(D) \$102,000,000 for fiscal year 2011,

11 and

12 “(E) \$106,000,000 for fiscal year 2012;

13 “(2) for grants under section 309A—

14 “(A) \$29,000,000 for fiscal year 2008,

15 “(B) \$30,000,000 for fiscal year 2009,

16 “(C) \$31,000,000 for fiscal year 2010,

17 “(D) \$32,000,000 for fiscal year 2011,

18 and

19 “(E) \$32,000,000 for fiscal year 2012,

20 of which \$10,000,000, or 35 percent, whichever is
21 less, shall be for purposes set forth in section
22 309A(a)(5);

23 “(3) for grants under section 315—

24 “(A) \$37,000,000 for fiscal year 2008,

25 “(B) \$38,000,000 for fiscal year 2009,

26 “(C) \$39,000,000 for fiscal year 2010,

1 “(D) \$40,000,000 for fiscal year 2011,
2 and

3 “(E) \$41,000,000 for fiscal year 2012,
4 of which up to \$15,000,000 may be used by the Sec-
5 retary in each of fiscal years 2008 through 2012 for
6 grants to fund construction and acquisition projects
7 at estuarine reserves designated under section 315;

8 “(4) for costs associated with administering this
9 title, \$7,500,000 for fiscal year 2008, \$7,750,000
10 for fiscal year 2009, \$8,000,000 for fiscal year
11 2010, \$8,250,000, for fiscal year 2011, and
12 \$8,500,000 for fiscal year 2012; and

13 “(5) for grants under section 310 to support
14 State pilot projects to implement resource assess-
15 ment and information programs, \$6,000,000 for
16 each of fiscal years 2008 and 2010.”;

17 (2) by striking “306 or 309.” in subsection (b)
18 and inserting “306.”;

19 (3) by striking “during the fiscal year, or dur-
20 ing the second fiscal year after the fiscal year, for
21 which” in subsection (c) and inserting “within 3
22 years from when”;

23 (4) by striking “under the section for such re-
24 verted amount was originally made available.” in

1 subsection (c) and inserting “to states under this
2 Act.”; and

3 (5) by adding at the end thereof the following:

4 “(d) PURCHASE OF OTHERWISE UNAVAILABLE FED-
5 ERAL PRODUCTS AND SERVICES.—Federal funds allo-
6 cated under this title may be used by grantees to purchase
7 Federal products and services not otherwise available.

8 “(e) RESTRICTIONS ON USE OF AMOUNTS.—Except
9 for funds appropriated under subsection (a)(4), amounts
10 appropriated under this section shall not be available for
11 administrative or overhead costs of the National Oceanic
12 and Atmospheric Administration or the Department of
13 Commerce. Amounts appropriated under subsection (a)(1)
14 or (2) shall be available only for grants to States.”.

15 **SEC. 19. DEADLINE FOR DECISION ON APPEALS OF CON-**
16 **SISTENCY DETERMINATION.**

17 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 319 (16 U.S.C. 1465) is
18 amended to read as follows:

19 **“SEC. 319. APPEALS TO THE SECRETARY.**

20 “(a) NOTICE.—Not later than 30 days after the date
21 of the filing of an appeal to the Secretary of a consistency
22 determination under section 307, the Secretary shall pub-
23 lish an initial notice in the Federal Register.

24 “(b) CLOSURE OF RECORD.—

1 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than the end of
2 the 270-day period beginning on the date of publica-
3 tion of an initial notice under subsection (a), except
4 as provided in paragraph (3), the Secretary shall im-
5 mediately close the decision record and receive no
6 more filings on the appeal.

7 “(2) NOTICE.—After closing the administrative
8 record, the Secretary shall immediately publish a no-
9 tice in the Federal Register that the administrative
10 record has been closed.

11 “(3) EXCEPTION.—

12 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subpara-
13 graph (B), during the 270-day period described
14 in paragraph (1), the Secretary may stay the
15 closing of the decision record—

16 “(i) for a specific period mutually
17 agreed to in writing by the appellant and
18 the State agency; or

19 “(ii) as the Secretary determines nec-
20 essary to receive, on an expedited basis—

21 “(I) any supplemental informa-
22 tion specifically requested by the Sec-
23 retary to complete a consistency re-
24 view under this Act; or

1 “(II) any clarifying information
2 submitted by a party to the pro-
3 ceeding related to information already
4 existing in the sole record.

5 “(B) APPLICABILITY.—The Secretary may
6 only stay the 270-day period described in para-
7 graph (1) once and for a period not to exceed
8 60 days.

9 “(c) DEADLINE FOR DECISION.—

10 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days
11 after the date of publication of a Federal Register
12 notice stating when the decision record for an appeal
13 has been closed, the Secretary shall issue a decision
14 or publish a notice in the Federal Register explain-
15 ing why a decision cannot be issued at that time.

16 “(2) SUBSEQUENT DECISION.—Not later than
17 45 days after the date of publication of a Federal
18 Register notice explaining why a decision cannot be
19 issued within the 90-day period, the Secretary shall
20 issue a decision.”.

21 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
22 subsection (a) applies with respect to appeals under sub-
23 section (c) or (d) of section 307 of the Coastal Zone Man-
24 agement Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. 1456) filed after the date
25 of enactment of this Act.

1 (c) SPECIAL RULE FOR APPEALS FILED ON OR BE-
 2 FORE DATE OF ENACTMENT.—The Secretary of Com-
 3 merce—

4 (1) shall close the administrative record for any
 5 appeal under subsection (c) or (d) of section 307 of
 6 the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (16
 7 U.S.C. 1456) that was filed on or before the date of
 8 enactment of this Act within 180 days after such
 9 date of enactment but not earlier than December 31,
 10 2008;

11 (2) may not receive any additional filing with
 12 respect to such an appeal; and

13 (3) shall issue a decision on the appeal within
 14 90 days after closing the administrative record.

15 **SEC. 20. EFFECTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE ON COASTAL ZONE**
 16 **MANAGEMENT.**

17 The Act (16 U.S.C. 1451 et seq.) is amended by add-
 18 ing at the end the following:

19 **“SEC. 320. EFFECTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE ON COASTAL**
 20 **ZONE MANAGEMENT.**

21 “In preparing and carrying out its management pro-
 22 gram, a coastal state may—

23 “(1) conduct assessments, mapping, modeling,
 24 and forecasting to understand the physical, environ-
 25 mental, and socio-economic impacts of sea level rise,

1 changes in freshwater quality and quantity, ocean
2 acidification, ocean warming, or other effects of
3 global climate change on the coastal zone;

4 “(2) develop prevention, adaptation or response
5 strategies to reduce vulnerability of coastal commu-
6 nities and resources to such impacts, changes, and
7 effects; and

8 “(3) establish mechanisms to increase local
9 awareness of such impacts, changes, and effects.”.

10 **SEC. 21. COORDINATION WITH FEDERAL ENERGY REGU-**
11 **LATORY COMMISSION.**

12 Within 180 days after the date of enactment of this
13 Act, the Secretary of Commerce shall submit a report to
14 the Congress on the development of a memorandum of un-
15 derstanding with the Commissioner of the Federal Energy
16 Regulatory Commission for a coordinated process for re-
17 view of coastal energy activities that provides for—

18 (1) improved coordination among Federal, re-
19 gional, State, and local agencies concerned with con-
20 ducting reviews under the Coastal Zone Management
21 Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. 1451 et seq.); and

22 (2) coordinated schedules for such reviews that
23 ensures that, where appropriate, the reviews are per-
24 formed concurrently.

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