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To reauthorize the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. NELSON (for himself and Mr. WICKER) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on

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; REF-
4 ERENCES.
5 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the
6 "Coastal Coordination Act of 2016".
7 (b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents of
8 this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents; references.

TITLE I—COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT ACT OF 1972
AMENDMENTS
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TITLE III—COASTAL ZONE IMPACTS

Sec. 301. Agency consultations regarding coastal zone impacts.

(e) REFERENCES TO THE COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT ACT OF 1972.—Except as otherwise expressly provided, wherever in this Act an amendment or repeal is expressed in terms of an amendment to, or repeal of, a section or other provision, the reference shall be considered to be made to a section or other provision of the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. 1451 et seq.).

TITLE I—COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT ACT OF 1972 AMENDMENTS

SEC. 101. CONGRESSIONAL FINDINGS.

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

(1) by redesignating subsections (a) through (m) as paragraphs (1) through (13), respectively;

(2) in paragraph (1), as redesignated, by striking “in the effective management, beneficial use,
protection, and development of the coastal zone” and inserting “in the effective management, beneficial use, protection, development, and resilience of the coastal zone and coastal natural resources”;

(3) in paragraph (3), as redesignated, by striking “industry, commerce, residential development, recreation, extraction of mineral resources and fossil fuels, transportation and navigation, waste disposal, and harvesting of fish, shellfish, and other living marine resources” and inserting “industry, commerce, development, tourism, recreation, extraction of mineral resources, energy development, transportation and navigation, waste disposal, and harvesting of fish, shellfish, and other living marine resources”; 

(4) in paragraph (6), as redesignated, by striking the semi-colon at the end and inserting a period; 

(5) in paragraphs (8) and (10), as redesignated, by striking “state” and inserting “State”; 

(6) in paragraph (9), as redesignated, by striking “states to” and all that follows through “vitaly affected interests” and inserting “States to exercise their full authority over the lands and waters in the coastal zone by assisting the States, in cooperation with Federal agencies and with the participation of
and coordination with local governments and other vitally affected interests”;

(7) in paragraph (13), as redesignated—

(A) by striking “by the active participation of coastal states in all Federal programs affecting such resources” and inserting “by the active participation and coordination in all Federal programs and activities affecting such resources”; and

(B) by striking “state ocean” and inserting “State ocean”; and

(8) by adding at the end the following:

“(14) In turn, once a State ocean and coastal zone management plan has been approved by the Secretary of Commerce, Federal agencies should, to the maximum extent practicable, seek to conduct activities, invest, and authorize licenses or permits related to the coastal zone of that State in a manner consistent with that plan.”.

SEC. 102. DEFINITIONS.

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

(1) by redesignating paragraphs (7) through (18) as paragraphs (8) through (19), respectively;

(2) by striking “(6a) The” and inserting “(7) The”;

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(3) in paragraph (2), by striking "if any such area is determined by a coastal state to be of substantial biological or natural storm protective value" and inserting "if any such area is determined by a coastal state, alone or in combination with other such areas, to be of substantial biological, research, geological, hydrological, natural, ecological, storm protective, water quality, or flood risk protective value";

(4) in paragraph (5), by striking "any coastal state" each place it appears and inserting "any State";

(5) by amending paragraph (6) to read as follows:

"(6) The term 'energy facilities'—

"(A) means any equipment or facility which is or will be used primarily—

"(i) in the exploration for, or the development, production, conversion, storage, transfer, processing, or transportation of, any energy resource; or

"(ii) for the manufacture, production, or assembly of equipment, machinery, products, or devices which are involved in any activity described in clause (i); and
“(B) includes—

“(i) electric generating plants;

“(ii) petroleum refineries and associated facilities;

“(iii) gasification plants;

“(iv) facilities used for the transportation, conversion, treatment, transfer, or storage of liquefied natural gas;

“(v) uranium enrichment or nuclear fuel processing facilities;

“(vi) oil and gas facilities, including platforms, assembly plants, storage depots, tank farms, crew and supply bases, and refining complexes;

“(vii) facilities including deepwater ports, for the transfer of petroleum;

“(viii) pipelines and transmission facilities; and

“(ix) terminals which are associated with any of the foregoing.”;

(6) in paragraph (7), as redesignated, by striking “land and water uses” and inserting “land uses and water uses”;

(7) in paragraph (8), as redesignated, by striking “from land drainage” and inserting “from land
drainage, or where there is tidal influence without regard to salinity);

(8) in paragraph (12), as redesignated, by striking "state's" and inserting "State's";

(9) in paragraphs (13), (15), and (16), as redesignated, by striking "state" each place it appears and inserting "State"; and

(10) by adding at the end the following:

"(20) The term 'working waterfront' means waterfront lands, waterfront infrastructure, and waterways that are used for a water-dependent commercial activity."

SEC. 103. COASTAL RESOURCE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM.

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

(1) in subsection (b)—

(A) in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by striking "state in" and inserting "State in";

(B) in paragraph (1)—

(i) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A), by striking "the state" and inserting "the State"; and

(ii) in subparagraph (B), by striking "clutch" and inserting "eulthe";

(C) in paragraph (2), by striking "state's" and inserting "State's"; and
(D) by adding at the end the following:

“(5) The preservation or redevelopment of working waterfronts in the coastal zone.

“(6) The development of a coordinated process to maximize the efficiency of processing permits related to activities in the coastal zone.”;

(2) in subsection (d)(1)—

(A) by striking “the state” and inserting “the State”; and

(B) by striking “to state” and inserting “to State”; and

(3) in subsection (e)—

(A) by striking “that state” and inserting “that State”; and

(B) by striking “the state’s” and inserting “the State’s”.

SEC. 104. COORDINATION AND COOPERATION.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 307 (16 U.S.C. 1456) is amended—

(1) by redesignating subsections (c) through (i) as subsections (f) through (j), respectively;

(2) in subsections (b) and (d), by striking “state” and inserting “State”;

(3) in subsection (e)—

(A) in paragraph (1)—
(i) in subparagraph (A), by striking “land or water use or natural resource of the coastal zone” and inserting “land use or water use or natural resource of the coastal zone”; and

(ii) in subparagraph (B), by striking “under subsection (h)” and inserting “under subsection (i)”;

(B) in paragraph (2), by striking “a state” and inserting “a State”; and

(C) in paragraph (3)—

(i) by striking “state’s” each place it appears and inserting “State’s”;

(ii) by striking “the state” each place it appears and inserting “the State”;

(iii) by striking “such state” each place it appears and inserting “such State”;

(iv) in subparagraph (A), by striking “that state” and inserting “that State”;

(v) in subparagraph (B)(ii), by striking “federal” and inserting “Federal”; and

(vi) in the matter following subparagraph (B)(iii), by striking “a state” and inserting “a State”;
(4) by inserting after subsection (d), the following:

"(e) INTERSTATE AND REGIONAL COORDINATION.—

"(1) The coastal states are encouraged—

"(A) to coordinate State coastal zone planning, policies, and programs with respect to contiguous areas, shared resources, and interstate waters of such States;

"(B) to study, plan, and implement unified coastal zone policies with respect to such areas; and

"(C) to establish an effective mechanism, and participate in mediation under subsection (i), to identify, examine, and cooperatively resolve mutual problems with respect to the marine and coastal areas which affect, directly or indirectly, the coastal zone.

"(2) Subject to paragraph (3), the coastal zone activities described in this subsection may be conducted pursuant to interstate or regional agreements or compacts.

"(3) 2 or more coastal states may negotiate and enter into any interstate or regional agreement or compact to do the following unless the agreement or
compact conflicts with any law or treaty of the United States:

"(A) To develop and administer coordinated coastal zone planning, policies, programs, and dispute resolution.

"(B) To establish executive instrumentalities or agencies that such States consider necessary for the effective implementation of an agreement or compact under this subsection.

"(4) An agreement or compact under paragraph (3) shall be binding and obligatory upon any State or party thereto without further approval by Congress."

(5) in subsection (f), as redesignated—

(A) by striking "or state" and inserting "or State"; and

(B) by striking "more states" each place it appears and inserting "more States";

(6) in subsection (g), as redesignated, by striking "any state" and inserting "any State";

(7) in subsection (h), as redesignated, by striking "any state's" and inserting "any State's"; and

(8) by amending subsection (i), as redesignated, to read as follows:

"(i) MEDIATION OF DISAGREEMENTS.—
“(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may mediate a serious disagreement between any Federal agency and a coastal state or between 2 or more willing coastal states—

“(A) in the development or the initial implementation of a management program under section 305;

“(B) in the administration of a management program approved under section 305; or

“(C) in coordination and cooperation under this section.

“(2) COOPERATION.—The Secretary, with the cooperation of the Executive Office of the President, shall seek to mediate the differences involved in a disagreement described in paragraph (1).

“(3) PUBLIC HEARINGS.—Mediation under this subsection shall, with respect to any disagreement described in paragraph (1)(B), include public hearings in the local area concerned.”.

(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

(1) DEFINITIONS.—Section 304(11) (16 U.S.C. 1453(11)), as redesignated by section 102 of this Act, is amended by striking “section 307(g)” and inserting “section 307(h)”.
(2) **Coastal Zone Management Fund.**—Section 308(b)(1) (16 U.S.C. 1456a(b)(1)) is amended by striking “section 307(i)(3)” and inserting “section 307(j)(3)”.

(c) **Rule of Construction.**—Nothing in this section, or the amendments made by this section, may be construed to affect any mediation that was commenced before the date of enactment of this Act.

**Sec. 105. Coastal Zone Enhancement Grants.**

(a) **In General.**—Section 309(a) (16 U.S.C. 1456b(a)) is amended—

(1) by amending paragraph (1) to read as follows:

“(1) Protection, restoration, or enhancement of existing coastal wetlands, seagrass beds, coral reefs, oyster habitat, and marine habitat, or creation of new coastal wetlands.”;

(2) by amending paragraph (2) to read as follows:

“(2) Increasing coastal resilience and preventing or reducing loss of life and property by limiting development and redevelopment in high-hazard areas, using natural and restoration approaches to reduce flood risk, or anticipating and managing the
(3) by amending paragraph (7) to read as follows:

“(7) Planning for the use of ocean and Great Lakes resources.”; and

(4) by adding at the end the following:

“(10) Interstate water resource and coastal management planning to facilitate healthy and resilient coastal natural resources, land uses, and water uses, and to resolve water management conflict.

“(11) Identification and adoption of procedures and enforceable policies to ensure sufficient response capabilities at the State level to address the environmental, economic, and social impacts of oil spills or other accidents resulting from Outer Continental Shelf energy activities with the potential to affect land or water use or natural resources of the coastal zone.”.

(b) EVALUATION OF STATE PROPOSALS BY SECRETARY.—Section 309(e) (16 U.S.C. 1456b(e)) is amended by striking “and the overall merit of each proposal in terms of benefits to the public” and inserting “and are consistent with the rules and regulations promulgated under section 306”.

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(c) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this section, or the amendments made by this section, may be construed to affect any grant made or funding awarded under section 309 of the Coast Zone Management Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. 1456b) before the date of enactment of this Act.

SEC. 106. NATIONAL ESTUARINE RESEARCH RESERVE SYSTEM.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 315 (16 U.S.C. 1461) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)—

(A) by redesignating paragraphs (1) and (2) as subparagraphs (A) and (B), respectively, and indenting appropriately;

(B) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A), as redesignated, by inserting "(1) IN GENERAL.—" before "There is" and indenting appropriately;

(C) in the matter following subparagraph (B), as redesignated, by inserting "(2) NATIONAL ESTUARINE RESERVES.—" before "Each estuarine" and indenting appropriately;

(D) in paragraph (1), as redesignated, by striking "consists of—" and inserting "is a network of areas designated to promote informed
management of the Nation's estuarine and coastal areas through interconnected programs in resource stewardship, education and training, monitoring, research, and scientific understanding consisting of—"; and

(E) in paragraph (2), as redesignated, by striking "paragraph (1)" and inserting "sub-
paragraph (A)";

(2) in subsection (b)(2)(C)—

(A) by striking "public awareness and" and inserting "State coastal management, pub-
lic awareness, and"; and

(B) by striking "public education and in-
terpretation"; and inserting "education, inter-
pretation, training, and demonstration projects";

(3) by redesignating subsections (e) through (g) as subsections (d) through (h), respectively;

(4) by inserting after subsection (b) the fol-
lowing:

"(c) EXPANSION OF NATIONAL ESTUARINE RE-
SERVES.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (3), the Secretary shall periodically evaluate whether to
expand the estuarine area of each national estuarine reserve.

"(2) CONSIDERATIONS.—In evaluating whether to expand the area described in paragraph (1), the Secretary shall consider—

"(A) the recommendations of prominent members of the estuarine research community, the Governor of the coastal state in which the area is located, the System, and the heads of relevant Federal agencies;

"(B) any changing environmental conditions, including increased pressure on the resources to be researched and potential adaptation benefits of the expansion; and

"(C) the impact to that national estuarine reserve and the System.

"(3) AUTHORIZATION.—The Secretary is authorized to expand the following:


"(B) The Rookery Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve.

"(C) The Apalacheeola National Estuarine Research Reserve.'

(5) in subsection (f), as redesignated—
(A) in paragraph (1)(A)—

(i) in clause (i), by striking “reserve,” and inserting “reserve; and”;
(ii) in clause (ii), by striking “and constructing appropriate reserve facilities, or” and inserting “, including for resource stewardship activities and for constructing reserve facilities; and”; and
(iii) by striking clause (iii);

(B) by amending paragraph (1)(B) to read as follows:

“(B) to any coastal state or public or private person—

“(i) for purposes of supporting research and monitoring associated with a national estuarine reserve that are consistent with the research guidelines developed under subsection (e); or
“(ii) for purposes of conducting educational, interpretive, or training activities for a national estuarine reserve that are consistent with the research guidelines developed under subsection (e).”; and

(C) by adding at the end the following:

“(4)(A) The Secretary may—
"(i) enter into cooperative agreements, financial agreements, grants, contracts, or other agreements with any non-profit organization, authorizing the non-profit organization to solicit donations to carry out the purposes and policies of this section, except for general administration of reserves or the System, and which are consistent with the purposes and policies of this section; and

"(ii) accept donations of funds and services for use in carrying out the purposes and policies of this section, except for general administration of reserves or the System, and which are consistent with the purposes and policies of this section."

"(B) Donations accepted under this paragraph shall be considered as a gift or bequest to or for the use of the United States for the purpose of carrying out this section."; and

(6) by amending subsection (g), as redesignated, to read as follows:

"(g) EVALUATION OF SYSTEM PERFORMANCE.—

“(1) The Secretary shall periodically evaluate the operation and management of the National Es-
tuarine Research Reserve System and each national estuarine reserve, including coordination with other State programs, education and interpretive activities, and the research being conducted within the reserve.

"(2) If an evaluation under paragraph (1) reveals that the operation, management, education, or research conducted by the System as a whole is deficient, the Secretary shall provide the System with recommendations to improve the deficiencies.

"(3) If an evaluation under paragraph (1) reveals that the operation and management of a reserve is deficient, or that the research being conducted within the reserve is not consistent with the research guidelines developed under subsection (c), the Secretary may suspend the eligibility of that reserve for financial assistance under subsection (e) until the deficiency or inconsistency is remedied.

"(4) The Secretary may withdraw the designation of an estuarine area as a national estuarine reserve if an evaluation under paragraph (1) reveals that——

"(A) the basis for any 1 or more of the findings made under subsection (b)(2) regarding that area no longer exists; or
“(B) a substantial portion of the research conducted within the area, over a period of years, has not been consistent with the research guidelines developed under subsection (e).”

(b) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this section, or the amendments made by this section, may be construed to affect any grant made or financial assistance provided under section 315 of the Coast Zone Management Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. 1461) before the date of enactment of this Act.

SEC. 107. COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT REPORTS.

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

(1) by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

“(a) REPORTS.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall—

“(A) consult with Congress on a regular basis concerning the administration of this title; and

“(B) submit to Congress a report summarizing the administration of this title during each period of 5 consecutive fiscal years.

“(2) CONTENTS.—Each report under paragraph (1) shall include:
“(A) an identification of the State programs approved under this title during the preceding Federal fiscal year and a description of those programs;

“(B) a list of the States participating in the provisions of this title and the status of each State’s programs and accomplishments during the preceding Federal fiscal year;

“(C) an itemization of the allocation of funds to the various coastal states and a breakdown of the major projects and areas on which these funds were expended;

“(D) an identification of each State program that was reviewed and disapproved, including the reasons for the disapproval;

“(E) a summary of evaluation findings prepared in accordance with subsection (a) of section 312, and a description of any sanctions imposed under subsections (e) and (d) of that section;

“(F) a list of all activities and projects which, under the provisions of subsection (e) or subsection (d) of section 307, are not consistent with an applicable approved State management program;
“(G) a summary of the regulations issued by the Secretary or in effect during the preceding Federal fiscal year;

“(II) a summary of a coordinated national strategy and program for the Nation’s coastal zone, including identification and discussion of Federal, regional, State, and local responsibilities and functions therein;

“(I) a summary of outstanding problems arising in the administration of this title in order of priority;

“(J) a description of the economic, environmental, and social consequences of energy activity affecting the coastal zone and an evaluation of the effectiveness of financial assistance under section 308 in dealing with such consequences;

“(K) a description and evaluation of applicable interstate and regional planning and coordination mechanisms developed by the coastal states;

“(L) a summary and evaluation of the research, studies, and training conducted in support of coastal zone management; and
“(M) such other information as may be appro-
propriate.”; and
(2) in subsection (b), by striking “deems” and
inserting “considers”.

SEC. 108. TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.

(a) CONGRESSIONAL DECLARATION OF POLICY.—
Section 303 (16 U.S.C. 1452) is amended—
(1) in paragraph (2)—
(A) in the matter preceding subparagraph
(A), by striking “states” and inserting
“States”; and
(B) in subparagraph (B), by striking the
period at the end and inserting a semicolon;
and
(2) in paragraph (4), by striking “state” and
inserting “State”.

(b) ADMINISTRATIVE GRANTS.—Section
inserting a comma after “development”.

c) AUTHORIZATION OF THE COASTAL AND ESTUA-
RINE LAND CONSERVATION PROGRAM.—Section 307A
(16 U.S.C. 1456-1) is amended—
(1) in subsection (f)(4)(A)(i), by striking “sec-
tion 2(b)” and inserting “subsection (b)”; and
(2) in subsection (f)(4)(C), by striking “in (A)” and inserting “in subparagraph (A)”.

(d) REVIEW OF PERFORMANCE.—Section 312 (16 U.S.C. 1458) is amended in subsections (a) and (c), by striking “the state” and inserting “the State”.

(c) COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT REPORTS.—Section 316(a) (16 U.S.C. 1462(a)) is amended—

(1) by striking “state” each place it appears and inserting “State”;

(2) by striking “the states” and inserting “the States”; and

(3) by striking “each state’s” and inserting “each State’s”.

(f) RULES AND REGULATIONS.—Section 317 (16 U.S.C. 1463) is amended by striking “state agencies” and inserting “State agencies”.

SEC. 109. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

Section 318(a) (16 U.S.C. 1464(a)) is amended to read as follows:

“(a) SUMS APPROPRIATED TO SECRETARY.—There is authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary, to remain available until expended—

“(1) for grants under sections 306, 306A, and 309, $80,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2017 through 2021; and
“(2) for grants under section 315, $25,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2017 through 2021.”

TITLE II—GULF OF MEXICO REGIONAL COORDINATION

SEC. 201. SENSE OF CONGRESS.

It is the sense of Congress that the United States should encourage consistency and coordination of the protection and restoration activities in the Gulf of Mexico ecosystem in order to reduce duplication of efforts and maximize efficiencies through a collaborative regional effort.

SEC. 202. PURPOSES.

The purposes of this title are—

(1) to expand and strengthen the cooperative voluntary efforts, including international efforts, of public and private stakeholders to protect and restore the Gulf of Mexico; and

(2) to coordinate Federal and State actions, including education, relating to the management of the Gulf of Mexico ecosystem with the cooperative voluntary efforts described in paragraph (1).

SEC. 203. GULF OF MEXICO REGIONAL COORDINATION.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, in consultation with the Council, may award grants to eligible entities to conduct programs—
(1) to develop strategies—

(A) for the protection and restoration of the Gulf of Mexico ecosystem, including—

(i) improving the water quality;

(ii) protecting nonregulated living resources;

(iii) increasing valuable habitats; and

(iv) enhancing coastal resilience in the Gulf of Mexico ecosystem; and

(B) for the input and participation of appropriate Federal, State, and local agencies, and other public and private stakeholders in the protection and restoration of the Gulf of Mexico ecosystem;

(2) to coordinate, in the development of the strategies under paragraph (1), relevant Federal, State, and local government activities and resources to minimize duplication and maximize leveraging opportunities; and

(3) to develop and implement specific action plans to carry out the strategies under paragraph (1).

(b) ACTION PLANS.—An action plan under subsection (a)(3) may include the following activities:
(1) Monitoring the water quality and living resources of the Gulf of Mexico ecosystem.

(2) Researching the effects of natural and human-induced environmental changes on the water quality and living resources of the Gulf of Mexico ecosystem.

(3) Developing and implementing locally-based protection and restoration programs or projects within a watershed, including the creation, restoration, protection, or enhancement of habitat associated with the Gulf of Mexico ecosystem.

(4) Eliminating or reducing nonpoint sources that discharge pollutants that contaminate the Gulf of Mexico ecosystem, including activities to eliminate leaking septic systems and construct connections to local sewage systems.

(5) Facilitating and promoting scientific, research, modeling, monitoring, data collection, and other activities that support the strategies under subsection (a)(1).

(6) Fostering public stewardship of the living resources of the Gulf of Mexico ecosystem through information, education, engagement, and participation.
(7) Developing and making available, through publications, technical assistance, and other appropriate means, information pertaining to the environmental quality and living resources of the Gulf of Mexico ecosystem.

(8) Such other activities as the Administrator considers appropriate to carry out the strategies under subsection (a)(1).

(e) ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS.—Administrative costs, such as salaries and overhead, or indirect costs for services provided and charged against programs or activities carried out using funds made available through a grant under this section may not exceed 25 percent of the amount of the grant.

(d) REPORTS.—Not later than April 30, 2019, and every 5 years thereafter, the Administrator, in consultation with the Council, shall—

(1) assess the effectiveness of the programs under subsection (a) in coordinating regional priorities in the Gulf of Mexico ecosystem; and

(2) submit to Congress a comprehensive report on the assessment under paragraph (1).

(e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) COUNCIL.—The term “Council” means the Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration Council estab-
lished under section 311(t)(2) of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1321(t)(2)).

(2) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—The term "eligible entity" means a consortium of 4 or more States that have a shoreline on the Gulf of Mexico.

(3) GULF OF MEXICO ECOSYSTEM.—The term "Gulf of Mexico ecosystem" means the ecosystem of the Gulf of Mexico and its watershed.

SEC. 204. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.
There is authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary of Commerce to carry out this title $5,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2017 through 2021, to remain available until expended.

TITLE III—COASTAL ZONE IMPACTS

SEC. 301. AGENCY CONSULTATIONS REGARDING COASTAL ZONE IMPACTS.
The Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act (16 U.S.C. 661 et seq.) is amended—

(1) in section 2(a) (16 U.S.C. 662(a))—

(A) by striking "Interior, and with the"

and inserting "Interior, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, the"; and
(B) by inserting "and the head of any potentially impacted coastal state (as defined in section 304 of the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. 1453)),"; and

(2) in section 8 (16 U.S.C. 666b), by adding "and fisheries (as those terms are defined in section (3) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1802))" after "fishes".