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**S. 3038**

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

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AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE intended  
to be proposed by Mr. NELSON (for himself ~~and Mr.  
WICKER~~)

Viz:

1 Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the fol-  
2 lowing:

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**

Sec. 101. Congressional findings.

Sec. 102. Definitions.

Sec. 103. Coastal resource improvement program.

- Sec. 104. Coordination and cooperation.
- Sec. 105. Coastal zone enhancement grants.
- Sec. 106. National estuarine research reserve system.
- Sec. 107. Coastal zone management reports.
- Sec. 108. Technical and conforming amendments.
- Sec. 109. Authorization of appropriations.

TITLE II—GULF OF MEXICO REGIONAL COORDINATION

- Sec. 201. Sense of Congress.
- Sec. 202. Purposes.
- Sec. 203. Gulf of Mexico regional coordination.
- Sec. 204. Authorization of appropriations.

TITLE III—COASTAL ZONE IMPACTS

- Sec. 301. Agency consultations regarding coastal zone impacts.

1           (c) REFERENCES TO THE COASTAL ZONE MANAGE-  
2           MENT ACT OF 1972.—Except as otherwise expressly pro-  
3           vided, wherever in this Act an amendment or repeal is ex-  
4           pressed in terms of an amendment to, or repeal of, a sec-  
5           tion or other provision, the reference shall be considered  
6           to be made to a section or other provision of the Coastal  
7           Zone Management Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. 1451 et seq.).

8           **TITLE I—COASTAL ZONE MAN-**  
9           **AGEMENT ACT OF 1972**  
10           **AMENDMENTS**

11           **SEC. 101. CONGRESSIONAL FINDINGS.**

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

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

15                   (2) in paragraph (1), as redesignated, by strik-  
16                   ing “in the effective management, beneficial use,  
17                   protection, and development of the coastal zone” and  
18                   inserting “in the effective management, beneficial

1 use, protection, development, and resilience of the  
2 coastal zone and coastal natural resources”;

3 (3) in paragraph (3), as redesignated, by strik-  
4 ing “industry, commerce, residential development,  
5 recreation, extraction of mineral resources and fossil  
6 fuels, transportation and navigation, waste disposal,  
7 and harvesting of fish, shellfish, and other living ma-  
8 rine resources” and inserting “industry, commerce,  
9 development, tourism, recreation, extraction of min-  
10 eral resources, energy development, transportation  
11 and navigation, waste disposal, and harvesting of  
12 fish, shellfish, and other living marine resources”;

13 (4) in paragraph (6), as redesignated, by strik-  
14 ing the semicolon at the end and inserting a period;

15 (5) in paragraphs (8) and (10), as redesi-  
16 gnated, by striking “state” and inserting “State”;

17 (6) in paragraph (9), as redesignated, by strik-  
18 ing “states to” and all that follows through “vitally  
19 affected interests” and inserting “States to exercise  
20 their full authority over the lands and waters in the  
21 coastal zone by assisting the States, in cooperation  
22 with Federal agencies and with the participation of  
23 and coordination with local governments and other  
24 vitally affected interests”; and

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

1           (A) by striking “by the active participation  
2           of coastal states in all Federal programs affect-  
3           ing such resources” and inserting “by the active  
4           participation and coordination in all Federal  
5           programs and activities affecting such re-  
6           sources”; and

7           (B) by striking “state ocean” and inserting  
8           “State ocean”.

9 **SEC. 102. DEFINITIONS.**

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

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

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

15           (3) in paragraph (2), by striking “if any such  
16           area is determined by a coastal state to be of sub-  
17           stantial biological or natural storm protective value”  
18           and inserting “if any such area is determined by a  
19           coastal state, alone or in combination with other  
20           such areas, to be of substantial biological, research,  
21           geological, hydrological, natural, ecological, storm  
22           protective, water quality, or flood risk protective  
23           value”;

1           (4) in paragraph (5), by striking “any coastal  
2           state” each place it appears and inserting “any  
3           State”;

4           (5) by amending paragraph (6) to read as fol-  
5           lows:

6           “(6) The term ‘energy facilities’—

7           “(A) means any equipment or facility  
8           which is or will be used primarily—

9                   “(i) in the exploration for, or the de-  
10                  velopment, production, conversion, storage,  
11                  transfer, processing, or transportation of,  
12                  any energy resource; or

13                   “(ii) for the manufacture, production,  
14                  or assembly of equipment, machinery,  
15                  products, or devices which are involved in  
16                  any activity described in clause (i); and

17           “(B) includes—

18                   “(i) electric generating plants;

19                   “(ii) petroleum refineries and associ-  
20                  ated facilities;

21                   “(iii) gasification plants;

22                   “(iv) facilities used for the transpor-  
23                  tation, conversion, treatment, transfer, or  
24                  storage of liquefied natural gas;

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

3                   “(vi) oil and gas facilities, including  
4                   platforms, assembly plants, storage depots,  
5                   tank farms, crew and supply bases, and re-  
6                   fining complexes;

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

9                   “(viii) pipelines and transmission fa-  
10                  cilities; and

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

13                  (6) in paragraph (7), as redesignated, by strik-  
14                  ing “land and water uses” and inserting “land uses  
15                  and water uses”;

16                  (7) in paragraph (8), as redesignated, by strik-  
17                  ing “from land drainage” and inserting “from land  
18                  drainage, or where there is tidal influence without  
19                  regard to salinity”;

20                  (8) in paragraph (12), as redesignated, by  
21                  striking “state’s” and inserting “State’s”;

22                  (9) in paragraphs (13), (15), and (16), as re-  
23                  designated, by striking “state” each place it appears  
24                  and inserting “State”; and

25                  (10) by adding at the end the following:

1           “(20) The term ‘working waterfront’ means wa-  
2           terfront lands, waterfront infrastructure, and water-  
3           ways that are used for a water-dependent commer-  
4           cial activity.”.

5 **SEC. 103. COASTAL RESOURCE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM.**

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

7           (1) in subsection (b)—

8                 (A) in the matter preceding paragraph (1),  
9                 by striking “state in” and inserting “State in”;

10            (B) in paragraph (1)—

11                 (i) in the matter preceding subpara-  
12                 graph (A), by striking “the state” and in-  
13                 serting “the State”; and

14                 (ii) in subparagraph (B), by striking  
15                 “clutch” and inserting “eultch”;

16            (C) in paragraph (2), by striking “state’s”  
17            and inserting “State’s”; and

18            (D) by adding at the end the following:

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

21           (2) in subsection (d)(1)—

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

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

1 (3) in subsection (c)—

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

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

6 **SEC. 104. COORDINATION AND COOPERATION.**

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

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

11 (2) in subsection (e)—

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

14 (B) in paragraph (3)—

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

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

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

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

24 (v) in subparagraph (B)(ii), by strik-  
25 ing “federal” and inserting “Federal”; and



1 (vi) in the matter following subpara-  
2 graph (B)(iii), by striking “a state” and  
3 inserting “a State”;

4 (3) in subsection (e)(1)—

5 (A) by striking “or state” and inserting  
6 “or State”; and

7 (B) by striking “more states” each place it  
8 appears and inserting “more States”;

9 (4) in subsection (f), by striking “any state”  
10 and inserting “any State”;

11 (5) in subsection (g), by striking “any state’s”  
12 and inserting “any State’s”; and

13 (6) by amending subsection (h), to read as fol-  
14 lows:

15 “(h) MEDIATION OF DISAGREEMENTS.—

16 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may mediate  
17 a serious disagreement between any Federal agency  
18 and a coastal state or between two or more willing  
19 coastal states—

20 “(A) in the development or the initial im-  
21 plementation of a management program under  
22 section 305;

23 “(B) in the administration of a manage-  
24 ment program approved under section 305; or

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

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

7           “(3) PUBLIC HEARINGS.—Mediation under this  
8           subsection shall, with respect to any disagreement  
9           described in paragraph (1)(B), include public hear-  
10          ings in the local area concerned.”; and

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

12          “(j) INTERSTATE AND REGIONAL COORDINATION.—

13          “(1) The coastal states are encouraged—

14                  “(A) to coordinate State coastal zone plan-  
15                  ning, policies, and programs with respect to  
16                  contiguous areas, shared resources, and inter-  
17                  state waters of such States;

18                  “(B) to study, plan, and implement unified  
19                  coastal zone policies with respect to such areas;  
20                  and

21                  “(C) to establish an effective mechanism,  
22                  and participate in mediation under subsection  
23                  (h), to identify, examine, and cooperatively re-  
24                  solve mutual problems with respect to the ma-

1           rine and coastal areas which affect, directly or  
2           indirectly, the coastal zone.

3           “(2) Subject to paragraph (3), the coastal zone  
4           activities described in this subsection may be con-  
5           ducted pursuant to interstate or regional agreements  
6           or compacts.

7           “(3) Two or more coastal states may negotiate  
8           and enter into any interstate or regional agreement  
9           or compact to do the following unless the agreement  
10          or compact conflicts with any law or treaty of the  
11          United States:

12                 “(A) To develop and administer coordi-  
13                 nated coastal zone planning, policies, programs,  
14                 and dispute resolution.

15                 “(B) To establish executive instrumental-  
16                 ities or agencies that such States consider nec-  
17                 essary for the effective implementation of an  
18                 agreement or compact under this subsection.

19           “(4) An agreement or compact under paragraph  
20          (3) shall be binding and obligatory upon any State  
21          or party thereto without further approval by Con-  
22          gress.”.

23          (b) **RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.**—Nothing in this sec-  
24          tion, or the amendments made by this section, may be con-

1 strued to affect any mediation that was commenced before  
2 the date of enactment of this Act.

3 **SEC. 105. COASTAL ZONE ENHANCEMENT GRANTS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 309(a) (16 U.S.C.  
5 1456b(a)) is amended—

6 (1) by amending paragraph (1) to read as fol-  
7 lows:

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

12 (2) by amending paragraph (2) to read as fol-  
13 lows:

14 “(2) Increasing coastal resilience and pre-  
15 venting or reducing loss of life and property by lim-  
16 iting development and redevelopment in high-hazard  
17 areas, using natural and restoration approaches to  
18 reduce flood risk, or anticipating and managing the  
19 effects of potential sea level rise and Great Lakes  
20 level change.”;

21 (3) by amending paragraph (7) to read as fol-  
22 lows:

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

25 (4) by adding at the end the following:

1           “(10) Interstate water resource and coastal  
2 management planning to facilitate healthy and resil-  
3 ient coastal natural resources, land uses, and water  
4 uses, and to resolve water management conflict.

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

13           “(12) The development of a coordinated process  
14 to maximize the efficiency of processing permits re-  
15 lated to activities in the coastal zone.”.

16       (b) EVALUATION OF STATE PROPOSALS BY SEC-  
17 RETARY.—Section 309(e) (16 U.S.C. 1456b(e)) is amend-  
18 ed by striking “and the overall merit of each proposal in  
19 terms of benefits to the public” and inserting “and are  
20 consistent with the rules and regulations promulgated  
21 under section 306”.

22       (c) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-  
23 tion, or the amendments made by this section, may be con-  
24 strued to affect any grant made or funding awarded under  
25 section 309 of the Coast Zone Management Act of 1972

1 (16 U.S.C. 1456b) before the date of enactment of this  
2 Act.

3 **SEC. 106. NATIONAL ESTUARINE RESEARCH RESERVE SYS-**  
4 **TEM.**

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

7 (1) in subsection (a)—

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

11 (B) in the matter preceding subparagraph  
12 (A), as redesignated, by inserting “(1) IN GEN-  
13 ERAL.—” before “There is” and indenting ap-  
14 propriately;

15 (C) in the matter following subparagraph  
16 (B), as redesignated, by inserting “(2) NA-  
17 TIONAL ESTUARINE RESERVES.—” before  
18 “Each estuarine” and indenting appropriately;

19 (D) in paragraph (1), as redesignated, by  
20 striking “consists of—” and inserting “is a net-  
21 work of areas designated to promote informed  
22 management of the Nation’s estuarine and  
23 coastal areas through interconnected programs  
24 in resource stewardship, education and training,

1 monitoring, research, and scientific under-  
2 standing consisting of—”; and

3 (E) in paragraph (2), as redesignated, by  
4 striking “paragraph (1)” and inserting “sub-  
5 paragraph (A)”;

6 (2) in subsection (b)(2)(C)—

7 (A) by striking “public awareness and”  
8 and inserting “State coastal management, pub-  
9 lic awareness, and”; and

10 (B) by striking “public education and in-  
11 terpretation”; and inserting “education, inter-  
12 pretation, training, and demonstration  
13 projects”;

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

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

18 “(c) EXPANSION OF NATIONAL ESTUARINE RE-  
19 SERVES.—

20 “(1) IN GENERAL.—~~Subject to paragraph (2)~~

21 The Secretary shall periodically evaluate whether to  
22 expand the estuarine area of each national estuarine  
23 reserve.

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

4                   “(A) the recommendations of prominent  
5                   members of the estuarine research community,  
6                   the Governor of the coastal state in which the  
7                   area is located, the System, and the heads of  
8                   relevant Federal agencies;

9                   “(B) any changing environmental condi-  
10                  tions, including increased pressure on the re-  
11                  sources to be researched and potential adapta-  
12                  tion benefits of the expansion; and

13                  “(C) the impact to that national estuarine  
14                  reserve and the System.

15                  “(3) ~~CONSIDERATIONS.—The Secretary is au-~~  
16                  ~~thorized to expand the following:~~  
                  **EXPANSION OF CERTAIN RESERVES.—** Within one year, the  
                  Secretary shall evaluate whether to expand the following:

17                   “(A) The Guana-Tolomato Matanzas Na-  
18                   tional Estuarine Research Reserve.

19                   “(B) The Rookery Bay National Estuarine  
20                   Research Reserve.

21                   “(C) The Apalachicola National Estuarine  
22                   Research Reserve.”;

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

24                   (A) in paragraph (1)(A)—



1 (i) in clause (i), by striking “reserve,”  
2 and inserting “reserve; and”;

3 (ii) in clause (ii), by striking “and  
4 constructing appropriate reserve facilities,  
5 or” and inserting “, including for resource  
6 stewardship activities and for constructing  
7 reserve facilities; and”;

8 (iii) by striking clause (iii);  
9 (B) by amending paragraph (1)(B) to read  
10 as follows:

11 “(B) to any coastal state or public or pri-  
12 vate person—

13 “(i) for purposes of supporting re-  
14 search and monitoring associated with a  
15 national estuarine reserve that are con-  
16 sistent with the research guidelines devel-  
17 oped under subsection (c); or

18 “(ii) for purposes of conducting edu-  
19 cational, interpretive, or training activities  
20 for a national estuarine reserve that are  
21 consistent with the research guidelines de-  
22 veloped under subsection (c).”;

23 (C) by adding at the end the following:

24 “(4)(A) The Secretary may—

1           “(i) enter into cooperative agree-  
2           ments, financial agreements, grants, con-  
3           tracts, or other agreements with any non-  
4           profit organization, authorizing the non-  
5           profit organization to solicit donations to  
6           carry out the purposes and policies of this  
7           section, except for general administration  
8           of reserves or the System, and which are  
9           consistent with the purposes and policies of  
10          this section; and

11          “(ii) accept donations of funds and  
12          services for use in carrying out the pur-  
13          poses and policies of this section, except  
14          for general administration of reserves or  
15          the System, and which are consistent with  
16          the purposes and policies of this section.

17          “(B) Donations accepted under this para-  
18          graph shall be considered as a gift or bequest  
19          to or for the use of the United States for the  
20          purpose of carrying out this section.”; and

21          (6) by amending subsection (g), as redesign-  
22          nated, to read as follows:

23          “(g) EVALUATION OF SYSTEM PERFORMANCE.—

24                 “(1) The Secretary shall periodically evaluate  
25          the operation and management of the National Es-

1        tuarine Research Reserve System and each national  
2        estuarine reserve, including coordination with other  
3        State programs, education and interpretive activities,  
4        and the research being conducted within the reserve.

5           “(2) If an evaluation under paragraph (1) re-  
6        veals that the operation, management, education, or  
7        research conducted by the System as a whole is defi-  
8        cient, the Secretary shall provide the System with  
9        recommendations to improve the deficiencies.

10          “(3) If an evaluation under paragraph (1) re-  
11        veals that the operation and management of a re-  
12        serve is deficient, or that the research being con-  
13        ducted within the reserve is not consistent with the  
14        research guidelines developed under subsection (c),  
15        the Secretary may suspend the eligibility of that re-  
16        serve for financial assistance under subsection (e)  
17        until the deficiency or inconsistency is remedied.

18          “(4) The Secretary may withdraw the designa-  
19        tion of an estuarine area as a national estuarine re-  
20        serve if an evaluation under paragraph (1) reveals  
21        that—

22           “(A) the basis for any one or more of the  
23        findings made under subsection ~~(b)(2)~~ <sup>(b)(3)</sup> regard-  
24        ing that area no longer exists; or

1           “(B) a substantial portion of the research  
2           conducted within the area, over a period of  
3           years, has not been consistent with the research  
4           guidelines developed under subsection (c).”.

5           (b) **RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.**—Nothing in this sec-  
6           tion, or the amendments made by this section, may be con-  
7           strued to affect any grant made or financial assistance  
8           provided under section 315 of the Coast Zone Manage-  
9           ment Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. 1461) before the date of  
10          enactment of this Act.

11 **SEC. 107. COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT REPORTS.**

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

13           (1) by amending subsection (a) to read as fol-  
14          lows:

15           “(a) **REPORTS.**—

16           “(1) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary shall—

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

20           “(B) submit to Congress a report summa-  
21           rizing the administration of this title during  
22           each period of 5 consecutive fiscal years.

23           “(2) **CONTENTS.**—Each report under para-  
24          graph (1) shall include—

1           “(A) an identification of the State pro-  
2           grams approved under this title during the pre-  
3           ceding <sup>four</sup> Federal fiscal <sup>years</sup> ~~year~~ and a description of  
4           those programs;

5           “(B) a list of the States participating in  
6           the provisions of this title and the status of  
7           each State’s programs and accomplishments  
8           during the preceding <sup>four</sup> Federal fiscal <sup>years</sup> ~~year~~;

9           “(C) an itemization of the allocation of  
10          funds to the various coastal states and a break-  
11          down of the major projects and areas on which  
12          these funds were expended;

13          “(D) an identification of each State pro-  
14          gram that was reviewed and disapproved, in-  
15          cluding the reasons for the disapproval;

16          “(E) a summary of evaluation findings  
17          prepared in accordance with subsection (a) of  
18          section 312, and a description of any sanctions  
19          imposed under subsections (c) and (d) of that  
20          section;

21          “(F) a list of all activities and projects  
22          which, under the provisions of subsection (e) or  
23          subsection (d) of section 307, are not consistent  
24          with an applicable approved State management  
25          program;

1           “(G) a summary of the regulations issued  
2           by the Secretary or in effect during the pre-  
3           ceding <sup>four</sup> Federal fiscal <sup>years</sup> ~~year~~;

4           “(II) a summary of a coordinated national  
5           strategy and program for the Nation’s coastal  
6           zone, including identification and discussion of  
7           Federal, regional, State, and local responsibil-  
8           ities and functions therein;

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

12          “(J) a description of the economic, envi-  
13          ronmental, and social consequences of energy  
14          activity affecting the coastal zone and an eval-  
15          uation of the effectiveness of financial assist-  
16          ance under section 308 in dealing with such  
17          consequences;

18          “(K) a description and evaluation of appli-  
19          cable interstate and regional planning and co-  
20          ordination mechanisms developed by the coastal  
21          states;

22          “(L) a summary and evaluation of the re-  
23          search, studies, and training conducted in sup-  
24          port of coastal zone management; and

1                   “(M) such other information as may be ap-  
2                   propriate.”; and

3                   (2) in subsection (b), by striking “deems” and  
4                   inserting “considers”.

5 **SEC. 108. TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.**

6                   (a) CONGRESSIONAL DECLARATION OF POLICY.—

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

8                   (1) in paragraph (2)—

9                   (A) in the matter preceding subparagraph  
10                  (A), by striking “states” and inserting  
11                  “States”; and

12                  (B) in subparagraph (B), by striking the  
13                  period at the end and inserting a semicolon;  
14                  and

15                  (2) in paragraph (4), by striking “state” and  
16                  inserting “State”.

17                  (b) ADMINISTRATIVE GRANTS.—Section  
18 306(d)(10)(A) (16 U.S.C. 1455(d)(10)(A)) is amended by  
19 inserting a comma after “development”.

20                  (c) AUTHORIZATION OF THE COASTAL AND ESTUA-  
21 RINE LAND CONSERVATION PROGRAM.—Section 307A  
22 (16 U.S.C. 1456–1) is amended—

23                  (1) in subsection (f)(4)(A)(i), by striking “sec-  
24                  tion 2(b)” and inserting “subsection (b)”; and

1           (2) in subsection (f)(4)(C), by striking “in (A)”  
2           and inserting “in subparagraph (A)”.

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

6           (e) COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT REPORTS.—Sec-  
7 tion 316(a) (16 U.S.C. 1462(a)) is amended—

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

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

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

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

17 **SEC. 109. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

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

20           “(a) SUMS APPROPRIATED TO SECRETARY.—There  
21 is authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary, to re-  
22 main available until expended—

23           “(1) for grants under sections 306, 306A, and  
24 309, \$80,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2017  
25 through 2021; and



1           “(2) for grants under section 315, \$25,000,000  
2           for each of fiscal years 2017 through 2021.”.

3           **TITLE II—GULF OF MEXICO**  
4           **REGIONAL COORDINATION**

5           **SEC. 201. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

6           It is the sense of Congress that the United States  
7           should seek to attain coordination of the conservation and  
8           restoration efforts of the Gulf of Mexico in order to facili-  
9           tate the continued economic uses of the Gulf of Mexico  
10          for the benefit of the people of the United States, reduce  
11          duplication of efforts and maximize efficiencies through a  
12          collaborative regional effort with the Gulf of Mexico Alli-  
13          ance, in consultation with Federal agencies and State and  
14          local authorities.

15          **SEC. 202. PURPOSES.**

16          The purposes of this title are—

17                 (1) to expand and strengthen the cooperative  
18                 voluntary efforts, including international efforts, of  
19                 public and private stakeholders to conserve and re-  
20                 store the Gulf of Mexico and maintain its highly pro-  
21                 ductive multiple uses;

22                 (2) to recognize and enable the Gulf of Mexico  
23                 Alliance as a coordinating entity of Federal and  
24                 State actions relating to the management of the

1 Gulf of Mexico ecosystem with the cooperative vol-  
2 untary efforts described in paragraph (1); and  
3 (3) to enable grant funding for coordination  
4 management, scientific research, conservation, and  
5 restoration activities to achieve these goals.

6 **SEC. 203. GULF OF MEXICO REGIONAL COORDINATION.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—The eligible entity, in consultation  
8 with the Administrator of the National Oceanic and At-  
9 mospheric Administration, may conduct programs—

10 (1) to develop strategies—

11 (A) for the conservation and restoration of  
12 the Gulf of Mexico ecosystem, including—

13 (i) improving the water quality;

14 (ii) protecting nonregulated living re-  
15 sources;

16 (iii) increasing valuable habitats; and

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

19 (B) for the input and participation of ap-  
20 propriate Federal, State, and local agencies,  
21 and other public and private stakeholders in the  
22 conservation and restoration of the Gulf of  
23 Mexico ecosystem;

24 (2) to coordinate, in the development of the  
25 strategies under paragraph (1), relevant Federal,

1 State, and local government activities and resources  
2 to minimize duplication and maximize leveraging op-  
3 portunities; and

4 (3) to develop and implement specific action  
5 plans to carry out the strategies under paragraph  
6 (1).

7 (b) ACTION PLANS.—An action plan under sub-  
8 section (a)(3) may include the following activities:

9 (1) Monitoring the water quality and living re-  
10 sources of the Gulf of Mexico ecosystem.

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

15 (3) Developing and implementing locally based  
16 protection and restoration programs or projects  
17 within a watershed, including the creation, restora-  
18 tion, protection, or enhancement of habitat associ-  
19 ated with the Gulf of Mexico ecosystem.

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

1           (5) Facilitating and promoting scientific, re-  
2           search, modeling, monitoring, data collection, and  
3           other activities that support the strategies under  
4           subsection (a)(1).

5           (6) Fostering public stewardship of the living  
6           resources of the Gulf of Mexico ecosystem through  
7           information, education, engagement, and participa-  
8           tion.

9           (7) Developing and making available, through  
10          publications, technical assistance, and other appro-  
11          priate means, information pertaining to the environ-  
12          mental quality and living resources of the Gulf of  
13          Mexico ecosystem.

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

17          (c) ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS.—Administrative costs,  
18          such as salaries and overhead, or indirect costs for services  
19          provided and charged against programs or activities car-  
20          ried out using funds made available through a grant under  
21          this section may not exceed 25 percent of the amount of  
22          the grant.

23          (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

24                  (1) GULF OF MEXICO ALLIANCE.—The term  
25                  “Gulf of Mexico Alliance” means the formal collabo-

1       rative organization of Federal, State, local, and pri-  
2       vate participants established by the 5 Gulf States in  
3       2004 as a nonregulatory, inclusive network of part-  
4       ners to provide a broad geographic focus on the pri-  
5       mary environmental issues affecting the Gulf of  
6       Mexico.

7           (2) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—The term “eligible enti-  
8       ty” means a consortium of 4 or more the 5 States  
9       that have a shoreline on the Gulf of Mexico that is—

10           (A) primarily focused on coastal and envi-  
11       ronmental issues affecting the Gulf of Mexico  
12       ecosystem, excluding regulated fisheries;

13           (B) a network of coastal resource man-  
14       agers that work together to significantly in-  
15       crease regional collaboration;

16           (C) an organization that coordinates state  
17       and Federal agencies, NGOs, academia, and in-  
18       dustry stakeholders for the purposes of ecologi-  
19       cal and economic health, conservation, and res-  
20       toration of the Gulf of Mexico; and

21           (D) established and governed by the 5 Gulf  
22       State governors, or their representatives.

23           (3) GULF OF MEXICO ECOSYSTEM.—The term  
24       “Gulf of Mexico ecosystem” means the ecosystem of  
25       the Gulf of Mexico and its watershed.

1 (e) LIMITATION ON REGULATORY AUTHORITY.—  
2 Nothing in this section establishes any new regulatory au-  
3 thority of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Adminis-  
4 tration or the Gulf of Mexico Alliance.

5 **SEC. 204. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

6 There is authorized to be appropriated to the Sec-  
7 retary of Commerce to carry out this title \$5,000,000 for  
8 each of fiscal years 2017 through 2021, to remain avail-  
9 able until expended.

10 **TITLE III—COASTAL ZONE**  
11 **IMPACTS**

12 **SEC. 301. AGENCY CONSULTATIONS REGARDING COASTAL**  
13 **ZONE IMPACTS.**

14 The Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act (16 U.S.C.  
15 661 et seq.) is amended—

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

17 (A) by striking “Interior, and with the”  
18 and inserting “Interior, National Oceanic and  
19 Atmospheric Administration, Department of  
20 Commerce, the”; and

21 (B) by inserting “and the head of any po-  
22 tentially impacted coastal state (as defined in  
23 section 304 of the Coastal Zone Management  
24 Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. 1453),”; and

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