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AN ACT

To reauthorize the Coral Reef Conservation Act of 2000,
and for other purposes.

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

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Coral Reef Conserva-
3 tion Amendments Act of 2007”.

4 **SEC. 2. EXPANSION OF CORAL REEF CONSERVATION PRO-**
5 **GRAM.**

6 (a) **PROJECT DIVERSITY.**—Section 204(d) of the
7 Coral Reef Conservation Act of 2000 (16 U.S.C. 6403(d))
8 is amended—

9 (1) in the heading by striking “GEOGRAPHIC
10 AND BIOLOGICAL” and inserting “PROJECT”; and

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

13 “(3) Remaining funds shall be awarded for—

14 “(A) projects (with priority given to com-
15 munity-based local action strategies) that ad-
16 dress emerging priorities or threats, including
17 international and territorial priorities, or
18 threats identified by the Administrator in con-
19 sultation with the Coral Reef Task Force; and

20 “(B) other appropriate projects, as deter-
21 mined by the Administrator, including moni-
22 toring and assessment, research, pollution re-
23 duction, education, and technical support.”.

24 (b) **APPROVAL CRITERIA.**—Section 204(g) of that
25 Act (16 U.S.C. 6403(g)) is amended—

1 (1) by striking “or” after the semicolon in
2 paragraph (9);

3 (2) by striking paragraph (10); and

4 (3) by inserting after paragraph (9) the fol-
5 lowing:

6 “(10) promoting activities designed to minimize
7 the likelihood of vessel impacts on coral reefs, par-
8 ticularly those areas identified under section 210(b),
9 including the promotion of ecologically sound naviga-
10 tion and anchorages near coral reefs; or

11 “(11) promoting and assisting entities to work
12 with local communities, and all appropriate govern-
13 mental and nongovernmental organizations, to sup-
14 port community-based planning and management
15 initiatives for the protection of coral reef eco-
16 systems.”.

17 **SEC. 3. EMERGENCY RESPONSE.**

18 Section 206 of the Coral Reef Conservation Act of
19 2000 (16 U.S.C. 6405) is amended to read as follows:

20 **“SEC. 206. EMERGENCY RESPONSE ACTIONS.**

21 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator may under-
22 take or authorize action necessary—

23 “(1) to minimize the destruction or loss of, or
24 injury to, a coral reef from—

1 “(A) vessel impacts, derelict fishing gear,
2 vessel anchors, and anchor chains; and

3 “(B) from unforeseen or disaster-related
4 circumstances; and

5 “(2) to stabilize, repair, recover, or restore such
6 coral reef.

7 “(b) VESSEL REMOVAL; RESTABILIZATION.—Action
8 authorized by subsection (a) includes vessel removal and
9 emergency restabilization of the vessel or any impacted
10 coral reef.

11 “(c) PARTNERING WITH OTHER FEDERAL AGEN-
12 CIES.—When possible, action by the Administrator under
13 this section should—

14 “(1) be conducted in partnership with other
15 government agencies as appropriate, including—

16 “(A) the Coast Guard, the Federal Emer-
17 gency Management Agency, the Army Corps of
18 Engineers, and the Department of the Interior;
19 and

20 “(B) agencies of States and territories of
21 the United States; and

22 “(2) leverage resources of other agencies.

23 “(d) EMERGENCY RESPONSE ASSISTANCE BY OTHER
24 FEDERAL AGENCIES.—

1 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The head of any other Fed-
2 eral agency may assist the Administrator in emer-
3 gency response actions under this section, using
4 funds available for operations of the agency con-
5 cerned.

6 “(2) REIMBURSEMENT.—The Administrator,
7 subject to the availability of appropriations, may re-
8 imburse a Federal agency for assistance provided
9 under paragraph (1).

10 “(e) LIABILITY FOR COSTS AND DAMAGES TO CORAL
11 REEFS.—

12 “(1) TREATMENT OF CORAL REEFS UNDER NA-
13 TIONAL MARINE SANCTUARIES ACT.—For purposes
14 of the provisions set forth in paragraph (2), and
15 subject to paragraph (3), each of the terms ‘sanc-
16 tuary resources’, ‘resource’, ‘sanctuary resource
17 managed under law or regulations for that sanc-
18 tuary,’ ‘national marine sanctuary’, ‘sanctuary re-
19 sources of the national marine sanctuary’, and ‘sanc-
20 tuary resources of other national marine sanctuaries’
21 is deemed to include any coral reef that is subject
22 to the jurisdiction of the United States or any State,
23 without regard to whether such coral reef is located
24 in a national marine sanctuary.

1 “(2) APPLICABLE PROVISIONS OF NATIONAL
2 MARINE SANCTUARIES ACT.—The provisions referred
3 to in paragraph (1) are the following provisions of
4 the National Marine Sanctuaries Act:

5 “(A) Paragraphs (6) and (7) of section
6 302 (16 U.S.C. 1432).

7 “(B) Paragraphs (1), (2), (3), and (4) of
8 section 306 (16 U.S.C. 1436).

9 “(C) Section 307 (16 U.S.C. 1437).

10 “(D) Section 312 (16 U.S.C. 1443).

11 “(3) STATE CONSENT REQUIRED.—

12 “(A) IN GENERAL.—This subsection shall
13 not apply to any coral reef that is subject to the
14 jurisdiction of a State unless the Governor of
15 that State notifies the Secretary that the State
16 consents to that application.

17 “(B) REVOCATION OF CONSENT.—The
18 governor of a State may revoke consent under
19 subparagraph (A) by notifying the Secretary of
20 such revocation.

21 “(4) CONSISTENCY WITH INTERNATIONAL LAW
22 AND TREATIES.—Any action taken under the au-
23 thority of this subsection must be consistent with
24 otherwise applicable international law and treaties.

1 “(5) ACTIONS AUTHORIZED WITH RESPECT TO
2 VESSELS.—Actions authorized under this subsection
3 include vessel removal, and emergency re-stabiliza-
4 tion of a vessel and any coral reef that is impacted
5 by a vessel.

6 “(6) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary may issue
7 regulations necessary to implement this subsection.”.

8 **SEC. 4. NATIONAL PROGRAM.**

9 (a) PURPOSE OF ACT.—Section 202 of the Coral
10 Reef Conservation Act of 2000 (16 U.S.C. 6401) is
11 amended—

12 (1) by amending paragraph (3) to read as fol-
13 lows:

14 “(3) to develop sound scientific information on
15 the condition of coral reef ecosystems and the
16 threats to such ecosystems including large-scale
17 threats related to climate change, to benefit local
18 communities and the Nation, and to the extent prac-
19 ticable support and enhance coral reef research ca-
20 pabilities at local academic institutions;”; and

21 (2) by striking “and” after the semicolon at the
22 end of paragraph (5), by striking the period at the
23 end of paragraph (6) and inserting “; and”, and by
24 adding at the end the following:

1 “(7) to recognize the benefits of healthy coral
2 reefs to island and coastal communities and to en-
3 courage Federal action to ensure, to the maximum
4 extent practicable, the continued availability of those
5 benefits.”.

6 (b) GOALS AND OBJECTIVES OF NATIONAL CORAL
7 REEF ACTION STRATEGY.—Section 203(b)(8) of the
8 Coral Reef Conservation Act of 2000 (16 U.S.C.
9 6402(b)(8)) is amended to read as follows:

10 “(8) conservation, including resilience and the
11 consideration of island and local traditions and prac-
12 tices.”.

13 (c) AMENDMENTS RELATING TO ACTIVITIES TO CON-
14 SERVE CORAL REEFS AND CORAL REEF ECOSYSTEMS.—
15 Section 207(b) of the Coral Reef Conservation Act of 2000
16 (16 U.S.C. 6406) is amended—

17 (1) in paragraph (3) by striking “and” after
18 the semicolon;

19 (2) in paragraph (4)—

20 (A) by striking “cooperative conservation”
21 and inserting “cooperative research, conserva-
22 tion,”; and

23 (B) by striking “partners.” and inserting
24 “partners, including academic institutions lo-
25 cated in those States, territories, and freely as-

1 sociated States referred to in section 212; and”;

2 and

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

4 “(5) activities designed to minimize the likeli-
5 hood of vessel impacts or other physical damage to
6 coral reefs, including those areas identified in sec-
7 tion 210(b).”.

8 **SEC. 5. REPORT TO CONGRESS.**

9 Section 208 of the Coral Reef Conservation Act of
10 2000 (16 U.S.C. 6407) is amended to read as follows:

11 **“SEC. 208. REPORT TO CONGRESS.**

12 “Not later than March 1, 2010, and every 3 years
13 thereafter, the Administrator shall submit to the Com-
14 mittee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the
15 Senate and the Committee on Natural Resources of the
16 House of Representatives a report describing all activities
17 undertaken to implement the strategy, including—

18 “(1) a description of the funds obligated by
19 each participating Federal agency to advance coral
20 reef conservation during each of the 3 fiscal years
21 next preceding the fiscal year in which the report is
22 submitted;

23 “(2) a description of Federal interagency and
24 cooperative efforts with States, United States terri-
25 tories, freely associated States, and non-govern-

1 mental partner organizations to prevent or address
2 overharvesting, coastal runoff, or other anthropo-
3 genic impacts on coral reef ecosystems, including
4 projects undertaken with the Department of the In-
5 terior, the Department of Agriculture, the Environ-
6 mental Protection Agency, and the Army Corps of
7 Engineers;

8 “(3) a summary of the information contained in
9 the vessel grounding inventory established under sec-
10 tion 210, including additional authorization or fund-
11 ing, needed for response and removal of such vessels;

12 “(4) a description of Federal disaster response
13 actions taken pursuant to the National Response
14 Plan to address damage to coral reefs and coral reef
15 ecosystems; and

16 “(5) an assessment of the condition of United
17 States coral reefs, accomplishments under this Act,
18 and the effectiveness of management actions to ad-
19 dress threats to coral reefs, including actions taken
20 to address large-scale threats to coral reef eco-
21 systems related to climate change.”.

1 **SEC. 6. FUND; GRANTS; GROUNDING INVENTORY; COORDI-**
2 **NATION.**

3 (a) FUND; GRANTS; GROUNDING INVENTORY; CO-
4 ORDINATION.—The Coral Reef Conservation Act of 2000
5 (16 U.S.C. 6401 et seq.) is amended—

6 (1) in section 205(a) (16 U.S.C. 6404(a)), by
7 striking “organization solely” and all that follows
8 and inserting “organization—

9 “(1) to support partnerships between the public
10 and private sectors that further the purposes of this
11 Act and are consistent with the national coral reef
12 strategy under section 203; and

13 “(2) to address emergency response actions
14 under section 206.”;

15 (2) by adding at the end of section 205(b) (16
16 U.S.C. 6404(b)) “The organization is encouraged to
17 solicit funding and in-kind services from the private
18 sector, including nongovernmental organizations, for
19 emergency response actions under section 206 and
20 for activities to prevent damage to coral reefs, in-
21 cluding areas identified in section 210(b)(2).”;

22 (3) in section 205(c) (16 U.S.C. 6404(c)), by
23 striking “the grant program” and inserting “any
24 grant program or emergency response action”;

25 (4) by redesignating sections 209 and 210 as
26 sections 213 and 214, respectively; and

1 (5) by inserting after section 208 the following:

2 **“SEC. 209. COMMUNITY-BASED PLANNING GRANTS.**

3 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator may make
4 grants to entities that are eligible to receive grants under
5 section 204(c) to provide additional funds to such entities
6 to work with local communities and through appropriate
7 Federal and State entities to prepare and implement plans
8 for the increased protection of coral reef areas identified
9 by the community and scientific experts as high priorities
10 for focused attention. The plans shall—

11 “(1) support attainment of 1 or more of the cri-
12 teria described in section 204(g);

13 “(2) be developed at the community level;

14 “(3) utilize where applicable watershed-based or
15 ecosystem-based approaches;

16 “(4) provide for coordination with Federal and
17 State experts and managers;

18 “(5) build upon local approaches or models, in-
19 cluding traditional or island-based resource manage-
20 ment concepts; and

21 “(6) complement local action strategies or re-
22 gional plans for coral reef conservation.

23 “(b) TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—The provisions of
24 subsections (b), (d), (f), and (h) of section 204 apply to
25 grants under subsection (a), except that, for the purpose

1 of applying section 204(b)(1) to grants under this section,
2 ‘75 percent’ shall be substituted for ‘50 percent’.

3 **“SEC. 210. VESSEL GROUNDING INVENTORY.**

4 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator, in coordina-
5 tion with other Federal agencies, may maintain an inven-
6 tory of all vessel grounding incidents involving coral reefs,
7 including a description of—

8 “(1) the impacts to such resources;

9 “(2) vessel and ownership information, if avail-
10 able;

11 “(3) the estimated cost of removal, mitigation,
12 or restoration;

13 “(4) the response action taken by the owner,
14 the Administrator, the Commandant of the Coast
15 Guard, or other Federal or State agency representa-
16 tives;

17 “(5) the status of the response action, including
18 the dates of vessel removal and mitigation or res-
19 toration and any actions taken to prevent future
20 grounding incidents; and

21 “(6) recommendations for additional naviga-
22 tional aids or other mechanisms for preventing fu-
23 ture grounding incidents.

24 “(b) IDENTIFICATION OF AT-RISK REEFS.—The Ad-
25 ministrator may—

1 “(1) use information from any inventory main-
2 tained under subsection (a) or any other available
3 information source to identify all coral reef areas
4 that have a high incidence of vessel impacts, includ-
5 ing groundings and anchor damage; and

6 “(2) identify appropriate measures, including
7 action by other agencies, to reduce the likelihood of
8 such impacts.

9 **“SEC. 211. REGIONAL COORDINATION.**

10 “The Administrator shall work in coordination and
11 collaboration with other Federal agencies, States, and
12 United States territorial governments to implement the
13 national coral reef action strategy developed under section
14 203, including regional and local strategies, to address
15 multiple threats to coral reefs and coral reef ecosystems
16 such as coastal runoff, vessel impacts, overharvesting, and
17 factors attributed to climate change.

18 **“SEC. 212. UNITED STATES CORAL REEF TASK FORCE.**

19 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is hereby established
20 the United States Coral Reef Task Force.

21 “(b) GOAL.—The goal of the Task Force shall be to
22 lead, coordinate, and strengthen Federal Government ac-
23 tions to better preserve and protect coral reef ecosystems.

24 “(c) DUTIES.—The duties of the Task Force shall
25 be—

1 “(1) to coordinate, in cooperation with State,
2 territory, freely associated State, commonwealth,
3 and local government partners, academic, and non-
4 governmental partners if appropriate, activities re-
5 garding the mapping, monitoring, research, con-
6 servation, mitigation, restoration of coral reefs and
7 coral reef ecosystems;

8 “(2) to monitor and advise regarding implemen-
9 tation of the policy and Federal agency responsibil-
10 ities set forth in Executive Order 13089 and the na-
11 tional coral reef action strategy developed under sec-
12 tion 203; and

13 “(3) to work with the Secretary of State and
14 the Administrator of the Agency for International
15 Development, and in coordination with the other
16 members of the Task Force, to—

17 “(A) assess the United States role in inter-
18 national trade and protection of coral species;
19 and

20 “(B) encourage implementation of appro-
21 priate strategies and actions to promote con-
22 servation and sustainable use of coral reef re-
23 sources worldwide.

24 “(d) MEMBERSHIP, GENERALLY.—The Task Force
25 shall be comprised of—

1 “(1) the Secretary of Commerce, acting through
2 the Administrator of the National Oceanic and At-
3 mospheric Administration, and the Secretary of the
4 Interior, who shall be co-chairs of the Task Force;

5 “(2) the Administrator of the Agency of Inter-
6 national Development;

7 “(3) the Secretary of Agriculture;

8 “(4) the Secretary of Defense;

9 “(5) the Secretary of the Army, acting through
10 the Corps of Engineers;

11 “(6) the Secretary of Homeland Security;

12 “(7) the Attorney General;

13 “(8) the Secretary of State;

14 “(9) the Secretary of Transportation;

15 “(10) the Administrator of the Environmental
16 Protection Agency;

17 “(11) the Administrator of the National Aero-
18 nautics and Space Administration;

19 “(12) the Director of the National Science
20 Foundation;

21 “(13) the Governor, or a representative of the
22 Governor, of the Commonwealth of the Northern
23 Mariana Islands;

24 “(14) the Governor, or a representative of the
25 Governor, of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico;

1 “(15) the Governor, or a representative of the
2 Governor, of the State of Florida;

3 “(16) the Governor, or a representative of the
4 Governor, of the State of Hawaii;

5 “(17) the Governor, or a representative of the
6 Governor, of the Territory of Guam;

7 “(18) the Governor, or a representative of the
8 Governor, of the Territory of American Samoa; and

9 “(19) the Governor, or a representative of the
10 Governor, of the Virgin Islands.

11 “(e) NONVOTING MEMBERS.—The President, or a
12 representative of the President, of each of the Freely Asso-
13 ciated States of the Federated States of Micronesia, the
14 Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the Republic of
15 Palau may appoint a nonvoting member of the Task
16 Force.

17 “(f) RESPONSIBILITIES OF FEDERAL AGENCY MEM-
18 BERS.—

19 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Federal agency mem-
20 bers of the Task Force shall—

21 “(A) identify the actions of their agencies
22 that may affect coral reef ecosystems;

23 “(B) utilize the programs and authorities
24 of their agencies to protect and enhance the
25 conditions of such ecosystems; and

1 “(C) assist in the implementation of the
2 National Action Plan to Conserve Coral Reefs,
3 the national coral reef action strategy developed
4 under section 203, the local action strategies,
5 and any other coordinated efforts approved by
6 the Task Force.

7 “(2) CO-CHAIRS.—In addition to their respon-
8 sibilities under paragraph (1), the co-chairs of the
9 Task Force shall administer performance of the
10 functions of the Task Force and facilitate the co-
11 ordination of the Federal agency members of the
12 Task Force.

13 “(g) WORKING GROUPS.—

14 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The co-chairs of the Task
15 Force may establish working groups as necessary to
16 meet the goals and duties of this Act. The Task
17 Force may request the co-chairs to establish such a
18 working group.

19 “(2) PARTICIPATION BY NONGOVERNMENTAL
20 ORGANIZATIONS.—The co-chairs may allow a non-
21 governmental organization or academic institution to
22 participate in such a working group.

23 “(h) FACA.—The Federal Advisory Committee Act
24 (5 U.S.C. App.) shall not apply to the Task Force.”.

1 (b) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS.—Section 204 of the
2 Coral Reef Conservation Act of 2000 (16 U.S.C. 6403)
3 is amended by adding at the end the following:

4 “(k) MULTIYEAR COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS.—The
5 Administrator may enter into multiyear cooperative agree-
6 ments with the heads of other Federal agencies, States,
7 territories, other freely associated States, local govern-
8 ments, academic institutions, and non-governmental orga-
9 nizations to carry out the activities of the national coral
10 reef action strategy developed under section 203 and to
11 implement regional strategies developed pursuant to sec-
12 tion 211.”.

13 **SEC. 7. AMENDMENTS RELATING TO DEPARTMENT OF THE**
14 **INTERIOR PROGRAM.**

15 (a) AMENDMENTS AND CLARIFICATIONS TO DEFINI-
16 TIONS.—

17 (1) FISH AND WILDLIFE COORDINATION ACT.—

18 Section 8 of the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act
19 (16 U.S.C. 666b) is amended by inserting before the
20 period at the end the following: “, including coral
21 reef ecosystems (as such term is defined in section
22 214 of the Coral Reef Conservation Act of 2000)”.

23 (2) FISH AND WILDLIFE ACT OF 1956 AND FISH
24 AND WILDLIFE IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 1978.—With
25 respect to the authorities under the Fish and Wild-

1 life Act of 1956 (16 U.S.C. 742a et seq.) and the
2 authorities under the Fish and Wildlife Improvement
3 Act of 1978 (16 U.S.C. 742l), references in such
4 Acts to “wildlife” and “fish and wildlife” shall be
5 construed to include coral reef ecosystems (as such
6 term is defined in section 214 of the Coral Reef
7 Conservation Act of 2000, as amended by this Act).

8 (b) CORAL REEF CONSERVATION ASSISTANCE.—The
9 Secretary of the Interior may provide technical assistance
10 and, subject to the availability of appropriations, financial
11 assistance to coastal States (as that term is defined in
12 the Coral Reef Conservation Act of 2000, as amended by
13 this Act).

14 **SEC. 8. CLARIFICATION OF DEFINITIONS.**

15 Section 214 of the Coral Reef Conservation Act of
16 2000, as redesignated by section 6(a) of this Act (relating
17 to definitions; 16 U.S.C. 6409), is further amended—

18 (1) by amending paragraph (1) to read as fol-
19 lows:

20 “(1) ADMINISTRATOR.—The term ‘Adminis-
21 trator’—

22 “(A) except as provided in subparagraph
23 (B), means the Administrator of the National
24 Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; and

1 “(B) in sections 206 and 209, means the
2 Secretary of the Interior for purposes of appli-
3 cation of those sections to national parks, na-
4 tional wildlife refuges, and Wake Island.”;

5 (2) by amending paragraph (2) to read as fol-
6 lows:

7 “(2) CONSERVATION.—The term ‘conservation’
8 means the use of methods and procedures that are
9 necessary to preserve or sustain coral reefs and asso-
10 ciated species as diverse, viable, and self-perpet-
11 uating coral reef ecosystems, including—

12 “(A) all activities associated with resource
13 management, such as assessment, conservation,
14 protection, restoration, sustainable use, and
15 management of habitat;

16 “(B) mapping;

17 “(C) monitoring of coral reef ecosystems;

18 “(D) assistance in the development of
19 management strategies for marine protected
20 area or networks thereof and marine resources
21 consistent with the National Marine Sanc-
22 tuaries Act (16 U.S.C. 1431 et seq.) and the
23 Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and
24 Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1801 et seq.);

25 “(E) law enforcement;

1 “(F) conflict resolution initiatives;
2 “(G) community outreach and education;
3 and
4 “(H) activities that promote safe and eco-
5 logically sound navigation.”;

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

8 “(3) CORAL.—The term ‘coral’ means species
9 of the phylum Cnidaria, including—

10 “(A) all species of the orders Antipatharia
11 (black corals), Scleractinia (stony corals),
12 Gorgonacea (horny corals), Stolonifera
13 (organpipe corals and others), Alcyonacea (soft
14 corals), and Helioporacea (blue coral), of the
15 class Anthozoa; and

16 “(B) all species of the families Milleporidae
17 (fire corals) and Stylasteridae (stylasterid
18 hydrocorals), of the class Hydrozoa.”;

19 (4) by amending paragraph (4) to read as fol-
20 lows:

21 “(4) CORAL REEF.—The term ‘coral reef’
22 means a limestone structure composed in whole or in
23 part of living zooxanthellate stony corals (Class
24 Anthozoa, Order Scleractinia), their skeletal re-
25 mains, or both.”;

1 (5) by amending paragraph (5) to read as fol-
2 lows:

3 “(5) CORAL REEF ECOSYSTEM.—The term
4 ‘coral reef ecosystem’ means a system of coral reefs
5 and geographically associated species, habitats, and
6 environment, including mangroves and seagrass
7 habitats, and the processes that control its dynam-
8 ics.”; and

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

11 “(7) SECRETARY.—The term ‘Secretary’—

12 “(A) except as provided in subparagraphs
13 (B) and (C), means the Secretary of Commerce;

14 “(B) in section 206(e), means—

15 “(i) the Secretary of the Interior, with
16 respect to any coral reef or component
17 thereof that is located in—

18 “(I) the National Wildlife Refuge
19 System;

20 “(II) the National Park System;

21 or

22 “(III) the waters surrounding
23 Wake Island under the jurisdiction of
24 the Secretary of the Interior, as set
25 forth in Executive Order No. 11048

1 (27 Fed. Reg. 8851), dated Sep-
2 tember 4, 1962; or

3 “(ii) the Secretary of Commerce, with
4 respect to any other coral reef or compo-
5 nent thereof; and

6 “(C) in sections 203 and 209, means the
7 Secretary of Commerce and the Secretary of
8 the Interior.”.

9 **SEC. 9. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

10 Section 213 of the Coral Reef Conservation Act of
11 2000 (formerly 16 U.S.C. 6408), as redesignated by sec-
12 tion 4, is amended—

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

15 “(a) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be ap-
16 propriated to the Secretary of Commerce to carry out this
17 title \$30,000,000 for fiscal year 2008, \$32,000,000 for
18 fiscal year 2009, \$34,000,000 for fiscal year 2010 and
19 \$35,000,000 for fiscal years 2011 and 2012.”;

20 (2) in subsection (b) by striking “\$1,000,000”
21 and inserting “\$2,000,000”;

22 (3) by striking subsection (c) and inserting the
23 following:

24 “(c) COMMUNITY-BASED PLANNING GRANTS.—
25 There is authorized to be appropriated to the Adminis-

1 trator to carry out section 209, \$8,000,000 for fiscal years
2 2008 through 2012, to remain available until expended.”;
3 and

4 (4) by striking subsection (d) and inserting the
5 following:

6 “(d) DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.—There is au-
7 thorized to be appropriated to the Secretary of the Interior
8 to carry out this title \$5,000,000 for each of fiscal years
9 2008 through 2012.”.

10 **SEC. 10. ENSURING RESILIENCE.**

11 (a) PURPOSES.—Section 202 of the Coral Reef Con-
12 servation Act of 2000 (16 U.S.C. 6401) is further amend-
13 ed by redesignating paragraphs (2) through (7) as para-
14 graphs (3) through (8), respectively, and by inserting after
15 paragraph (1) the following:

16 “(2) to promote the resilience of coral reef eco-
17 systems;”.

18 (b) CRITERIA FOR APPROVAL OF PROJECT PRO-
19 POSALS.—Section 204(g) of the Coral Reef Conservation
20 Act of 2000 (16 U.S.C. 6403(g)) is further amended by
21 striking “or” after the semicolon at the end of paragraph
22 (10), by redesignating paragraph (11) as paragraph (12),
23 and by inserting after paragraph (10) the following:

24 “(11) improving and promoting the resilience of
25 coral reefs and coral reef ecosystems; or”.

1 (c) ACTIVITIES AUTHORIZED UNDER NATIONAL
2 PROGRAM.—Section 207(b) of the Coral Reef Conserva-
3 tion Act of 2000 (16 U.S.C. 6406(b)) is further amended
4 by striking “and” after the semicolon at the end of para-
5 graph (4), by redesignating paragraph (5) as paragraph
6 (6), and by inserting after paragraph (4) the following:

7 “(5) improving and promoting the resilience of
8 coral reefs and coral reef ecosystems; and”.

9 **SEC. 11. FUNDING FOR MARINE FACILITIES, CORAL REEF**
10 **RESEARCH, AND CORAL REEF INSTITUTES.**

11 (a) AMERICAN SAMOA COMMUNITY COLLEGE.—
12 There is authorized to be appropriated \$1,000,000 to the
13 Secretary of Commerce, acting through the National Oce-
14 anic and Atmospheric Administration, to provide funds to
15 a research facility for coral reef research and protection,
16 and coastal ecology and development, at the American
17 Samoa Community College.

18 (b) UNIVERSITY OF GUAM.—There is authorized to
19 be appropriated \$1,000,000 to the Secretary of Com-
20 merce, acting through the National Oceanic and Atmos-
21 pheric Administration, to provide funds to the University
22 of Guam for coral reef research and protection.

23 (c) SUPPORT FOR CORAL REEF INSTITUTES.—The
24 Administrator, subject to the availability of appropriations
25 specifically to carry out this subsection, may enter into,

1 renegotiate, or extend a cooperative agreement with any
2 university or local academic institution or other research
3 center with established programs that support coral reef
4 conservation to accomplish the following:

5 (1) Provide technical and other assistance to
6 build capacity for effective resource management on
7 a regional level and within local communities.

8 (2) Facilitate interdisciplinary research regard-
9 ing coral reef ecosystems to improve resource man-
10 agement and improve understanding of potential im-
11 pacts to such ecosystems attributed to climate
12 change.

13 (3) Conduct public education programs regard-
14 ing coral reefs and coral reef ecosystems to improve
15 public awareness of the need to protect and conserve
16 such resources.

17 (4) To advance the purposes and policies set
18 forth in the Coral Reef Conservation Act of 2000.

19 (d) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this section the
20 definitions in section 214 of the Coral Reef Conservation

