

and legislative branches of the United States Government. A fellowship awarded under this subsection shall be for a period of not more than 1 year.

- (c) Restriction on Use of Funds: Amounts available for fellowships under this section, including amounts accepted under section 204(c)(4)(F) or appropriated under section 212 to implement this section, shall be used only for award of such fellowships and administrative costs of implementing this section.

### **§ 1128. National Sea Grant Advisory Board**

- (a) Establishment.- There shall be an independent committee to be known as the National Sea Grant Advisory Board.

- (b) Duties.

(1) In general. - The Board shall advise the Secretary and the Director concerning—

(A) strategies for utilizing the sea grant college program to address the Nation's highest priorities regarding the understanding, assessment, development, management, utilization, and conservation of ocean, coastal, and Great Lakes resources;

(B) the designation of sea grant colleges and sea grant institutes; and

(C) such other matters as the Secretary refers to the Board for review and advice.

(2) Biennial Report.- The Board shall report to the Congress every two years on the state of the national sea grant college program. The Board shall indicate in each such report the progress made toward meeting the priorities identified in the strategic plan in effect under section 204 (c). The Secretary shall make available to the Board such information, personnel, and administrative services and assistance as it may reasonably require to carry out its duties under this title. The Secretary shall make available to the Board such information, personnel, and administrative services and assistance as it may reasonably require to carry out its duties.

- (c) Membership, terms, and powers.

(1) The Board shall consist of 15 voting members who shall be appointed by the Secretary. The Director and a director of a sea grant program who is elected by the various directors of sea grant programs shall serve as nonvoting members of the Board. Not less than 8 of the voting members of the Board shall be individuals

who, by reason of knowledge, experience, or training, are especially qualified in one or more of the disciplines and fields included in marine science. The other voting members shall be individuals who, by reason of knowledge, experience, or training, are especially qualified in, or representative of, education, marine affairs and resource management, coastal management, extension services, State government, industry, economics, planning, or any other activity which is appropriate to, and important for, any effort to enhance the understanding, assessment, development, management, utilization, or conservation of ocean, coastal, and Great Lakes resources. No individual is eligible to be a voting member of the Board if the individual is (A) the director of a sea grant college or sea grant institute; (B) an applicant for, or beneficiary (as determined by the Secretary) of, any grant or contract under section 205 [33 USCS § 1124]; or (C) a full-time officer or employee of the United States.

- (2) The term of office of a voting member of the Board shall be 3 years for a member appointed before the date of enactment of the National Sea Grant College Program Act Amendments of 2002 [enacted Nov. 26, 2002], and 4 years for a member appointed or reappointed after the date of enactment of the National Sea Grant College Program Act Amendments of 2002 [enacted Nov. 26, 2002]. The Director may extend the term of office of a voting member of the Board appointed before the date of enactment of the National Sea Grant College Program Act Amendments of 2002 [enacted Nov. 26, 2002] by up to 1 year. At least once each year, the Secretary shall publish a notice in the Federal Register soliciting nominations for membership on the Board.
- (3) Any individual appointed to a partial or full term may be reappointed for one additional full term. The Director may extend the term of office of a voting member of the Board once by up to 1 year.
- (4) The Board shall select one voting member to serve as the Chairman and another voting member to serve as the Vice Chairman. The Vice Chairman shall act as Chairman in the absence or incapacity of the Chairman.
- (5) Voting members of the Board shall--
  - (A) receive compensation at a rate established by the Secretary, not to exceed the maximum daily rate payable under section 5376 of title 5, United States Code, when actually engaged in the performance of duties for such Board; and
  - (B) be reimbursed for actual and reasonable expenses incurred in the performance of such duties.

- (6) The Board shall meet on a biannual basis and, at any other time, at the call of the Chairman or upon the request of a majority of the voting members or of the Director.
- (7) The Board may exercise such powers as are reasonably necessary in order to carry out its duties under subsection (b).
- (8) The Board may establish such subcommittees as are reasonably necessary to carry out its duties under subsection (b). Such subcommittees may include individuals who are not Board members.

**§ 1129. Interagency cooperation**

Each department, agency, or other instrumentality of the Federal Government which is engaged in or concerned with, or which has authority over, matters relating to ocean, coastal, and Great Lakes resources--

- (1) may, upon a written request from the Secretary, make available, on a reimbursable basis or otherwise any personnel (with their consent and without prejudice to their position and rating), service, or facility which the Secretary deems necessary to carry out any provision of this title [33 USCS §§ 1121 et seq.];
- (2) shall, upon a written request from the Secretary, furnish any available data or other information which the Secretary deems necessary to carry out any provision of this title [33 USCS §§ 1121 et seq.]; and
- (3) shall cooperate with the Administration and duly authorized officials thereof.

**§ 1131. Authorization of appropriations**

(a) Authorization.

- (1) In general. There are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary to carry out this title [33 USCS §§ 1121 et seq.]--
  - (A) \$ 72,000,000 for fiscal year 2009;
  - (B) \$ 75,600,000 for fiscal year 2010;
  - (C) \$ 79,380,000 for fiscal year 2011;
  - (D) \$ 83,350,000 for fiscal year 2012;