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Summary

- (1) 25 amendments.
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Comparative Print: Changes in Existing Law

1. James M Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal year 2023

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DIVISION **K**—DON YOUNG COAST GUARD AUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2022

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TITLE **CXIII**—ENVIRONMENT

Subtitle **A**—Marine Mammals

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Sec. **11303**. ~~NEAR REAL-TIME MONITORING~~ ~~AND MITIGATION PROGRAM FOR~~ MAPPING, SURVEYING, MONITORING, AND MITIGATION PROGRAM FOR MIGRATORY WHALES AND OTHER LARGE CETACEANS.

(a) **Establishment.**— The Under Secretary, in coordination with the heads of other relevant Federal agencies, shall design and deploy a cost-effective, efficient, and results-oriented ~~near real-time monitoring~~ mapping, surveying, monitoring, and mitigation program ~~(referred to in this section as the “Program”)~~ for threatened or endangered migratory whales and other large cetaceans.

(b) **Purpose.**— The purpose of the Program shall be to reduce the risk to migratory whales and other large cetaceans posed by vessel collisions and to minimize other impacts on migratory whales and other large cetaceans through increased and improved data collection, including—

(1) mapping and surveying of migratory whales;

(2) monitoring of large cetaceans; and

(3) the development of detection technologies for migratory whales and other large cetaceans.

~~the use of near real-time location monitoring and location information.~~

(c) DISTRIBUTION MAPPING OF MIGRATORY WHALES.—

(1) IN GENERAL.— The Under Secretary, in consultation with the Marine Mammal Commission, shall produce for stocks, populations, or species, as the Under Secretary determines appropriate, of migratory whales within waters under the jurisdiction of the United States—

(A) distribution maps of high accuracy and spatial and temporal resolution; and

(B) predictive distribution maps of high accuracy and spatial and temporal resolution that take into account expected future environmental conditions.

(2) DUTIES.— In carrying out paragraph (1), the Under Secretary—

(A) shall—

(i) use the best scientific information available;

(ii) conduct or support research to identify and fill knowledge gaps, which may include—

(I) developing novel sources of data, such as passive acoustic monitoring, detection through satellite or drone imagery, and other on-water asset-based sensors; and

(II) developing innovative methodologies—

(aa) to combine different sources of migratory whale detection data; or

(bb) to improve migratory whale distribution and habitat modeling;

(iii) include in each map produced under such paragraph, as applicable—

(I) calving grounds;

(II) mating grounds;

(III) feeding grounds;

(IV) migration routes; and

(V) other habitat uses;

(iv) as needed, use novel sources of data described in clause (ii)(I) in addition to current sources of data, such as visual detection of migratory whales using aerial- and vessel-based surveys;

(v) make each map produced under such paragraph available—

(I) through—

(aa) electronic and machine readable formats that can be integrated into on-board vessel navigation systems, including—

(AA) electronic navigational products of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, as appropriate;

(BB) an online platform for the general public; and

(CC) in coordination with the Commandant of the Coast Guard, carriage requirements set by the Commandant of the Coast Guard for commercial or recreational vessels;

(bb) in coordination with the Commandant of the Coast Guard, other formats not specified under item (aa) that may be required in carriage requirements set by the Commandant of the Coast Guard for commercial or recreational vessels, as appropriate; and

(cc) other formats the Under Secretary determines appropriate; and

(II) to other entities that produce products or publications included in the carriage requirements set by the Commandant of the Coast Guard for commercial or recreational vessels, as appropriate; and

(vi) require the heads of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration line offices to coordinate the work of such offices, as needed; and

(B) may, in consultation with the Marine Mammal Commission and non-Federal stakeholders, including State and local governments, research institutions, industry groups, and nongovernmental organizations, determine—

(i) which stocks, populations, or species of migratory whales to prioritize under paragraph (1); and

(ii) whether to prioritize the collection and aggregation of new data or the processing, analysis, aggregation, and modeling of existing data.

(3) REVIEW.— Not later than 3 years after the date of the enactment of this subsection and triennially thereafter, the Under Secretary shall, in consultation with the Marine Mammal Commission and non-Federal stakeholders, including State and local governments, research institutions, industry groups, and nongovernmental organizations, carry out a review regarding whether the Under Secretary should update any map produced under paragraph (1) or produce any new map under paragraph (1).

(d) Pilot Project.—

(1) Establishment.— In carrying out the Program, the Under Secretary shall first establish a pilot monitoring and mitigation project (referred to in this section as the “pilot project”) for North Atlantic right whales for the purposes of informing the Program.

(2) Requirements.— In designing and deploying the pilot project, the Under Secretary, in coordination with the heads of other relevant Federal agencies, shall, using the best available scientific information, identify and ensure coverage of—

(A) core foraging habitats; and

(B) important feeding, breeding, calving, rearing, or migratory habitats of North Atlantic right whales that co-occur with areas of high risk of mortality or serious injury of such whales from vessels, vessel strikes, or disturbance.

(3) Components.— Not later than 3 years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Under Secretary, in consultation with relevant Federal agencies and Tribal governments, and with input from affected stakeholders, shall design and deploy a near real-time monitoring system for North Atlantic right whales that—

(A) comprises the best available detection power, spatial coverage, and survey effort to detect and localize North Atlantic right whales within habitats described in paragraph (2);

(B) is capable of detecting North Atlantic right whales, including visually and acoustically;

(C) uses dynamic habitat suitability models to inform the likelihood of North Atlantic right whale occurrence habitats described in paragraph (2) at any given time;

(D) coordinates with the Integrated Ocean Observing System of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and Regional Ocean Partnerships to leverage monitoring assets;

(E) integrates historical data;

(F) integrates new near real-time monitoring methods and technologies as such methods and technologies become available;

(G) accurately verifies and rapidly communicates detection data to appropriate ocean users;

(H) creates standards for contributing, and allows ocean users to contribute, data to the monitoring system using comparable near real-time monitoring methods and technologies;

(I) communicates the risks of injury to large cetaceans to ocean users in a manner that is most likely to result in informed decision-making regarding the mitigation of those risks; and

(J) minimizes additional stressors to large cetaceans as a result of the information available to ocean users.

(4) Reports.—

(A) Preliminary report.—

(i) In general.— Not later than 2 years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Under Secretary shall submit to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate and the Committee on Natural Resources of the House of Representatives, and make available to the public, a preliminary report on the pilot project.

(ii) Elements.— The report required under clause (i) shall include the following:

(I) A description of the monitoring methods and technology in use or planned for deployment under the pilot project.

(II) An analysis of the efficacy of the methods and technology in use or planned for deployment for detecting North Atlantic right whales.

(III) An assessment of the manner in which the monitoring system designed and deployed under this subsection is directly informing and improving the management, health, and survival of North Atlantic right whales.

(IV) A prioritized identification of technology or research gaps.

(V) A plan to communicate the risks of injury to large cetaceans to ocean users in a manner that is most likely to result in informed decision making regarding the mitigation of such risks.

(VI) Any other information on the potential benefits and efficacy of the pilot project the Under Secretary considers appropriate.

(B) Final report.—

(i) In general.— Not later than 6 years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Under Secretary, in coordination with the heads of other relevant Federal agencies, shall submit to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate and the Committee on Natural Resources of the House of Representatives, and make available to the public, a final report on the pilot project.

(ii) Elements.— The report required under clause (i) shall—

(I) address the preliminary report required under subparagraph (A); and

(II) include—

(aa) an assessment of the benefits and efficacy of the pilot project;

(bb) a strategic plan to expand the pilot project to provide near real-time monitoring and mitigation measures—

(AA) to additional large cetaceans of concern for which such measures would reduce risk of serious injury or death; and

(BB) in important feeding, breeding, calving, rearing, or migratory habitats of large cetaceans that co-occur with areas of high risk of mortality or serious injury from vessel strikes or disturbance;

- (cc) a budget and description of funds necessary to carry out such plan;
- (dd) a prioritized plan for acquisition, deployment, and maintenance of monitoring technologies; and
- (ee) the locations or species to which such plan would apply.

(e) GRANT PROGRAM FOR DETECTION TECHNOLOGIES.—

(1) IN GENERAL.— Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this subsection, the Under Secretary shall establish a competitive grant program to award amounts, on an annual basis, to eligible entities for the eligible uses described in paragraph (5).

(2) ADMINISTRATION.— The Under Secretary shall enter into a cooperative agreement with the Foundation pursuant to the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Establishment Act (16 U.S.C. 3701 et seq.) for the Foundation to manage and administer the grant program.

(3) APPLICATIONS.— To be eligible for a grant pursuant to this subsection, an eligible entity shall submit to the Foundation an application in such form, at such time, and containing such information as the Foundation determines appropriate.

(4) FUNDING.—

(A) IN GENERAL.— After the Under Secretary enters into a cooperative agreement with the Foundation under paragraph (2)—

(i) for each fiscal year, the Under Secretary shall provide to the Foundation the amounts made available under this section in an advance payment of the entire amount on October 1, or as soon as practicable thereafter, of each such fiscal year; and

(ii) the Foundation shall invest and reinvest excess such amounts for the benefit of the grant program.

(B) APPLICATION OF NATIONAL FISH AND WILDLIFE FOUNDATION ESTABLISHMENT ACT.— Amounts received by the Foundation under this subsection shall be subject to the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Establishment Act (16 U.S.C. 3701 et seq.), except for section 10(a) of that Act (16 U.S.C. 3709(a)).

(5) ELIGIBLE USES.— Funds made available for award under this subsection may be spent to develop, assess, and carry out activities that reduce lethal and sub-lethal interactions between ocean users and migratory whales and other large cetaceans, including—

(A) funding research to develop, deploy, or test innovative detection technologies that reduce or eliminate harmful interactions between ocean users and migratory whales and other large cetaceans;

(B) efforts to enhance awareness of existing management measures for migratory whales and other large cetaceans;

(C) developing on-the-water approaches to support the coexistence of ocean users and migratory whales and other large cetacean species;

(D) funding the expansion of infrastructure and capacity to disseminate management and other relevant information that reduces harmful interactions between ocean users and migratory whales and other large cetaceans, especially such interactions that can lead to lethal or sub-lethal injury; and

(E) other uses the Foundation, in consultation with the Under Secretary and relevant eligible entities, determines appropriate.

(6) PRIORITY.— In awarding grants under this subsection, the Foundation shall give priority to applications—

(A) with a substantial likelihood of reducing lethal and sub-lethal interactions between ocean users and migratory whales and other large cetaceans;

(B) that include cooperation among ocean users; and

(C) that demonstrate, or have the potential to provide, economic benefits to small businesses reliant upon fishing, tourism, and maritime-related activities based in the United States.

(7) PROHIBITED USE.—

(A) IN GENERAL.— An eligible entity that is awarded a grant under this subsection may not use such grant to distribute resources to an entity or individual that is not a United States person, except as provided in subparagraph (B).

(B) EXCEPTION.— An eligible entity that is awarded a grant under this subsection may use such grant to distribute resources to a partnership that includes an entity or individual that is not a United States person if the resources are distributed directly to a partner in the partnership that is a United States person.

(e) f) Requirements NEAR REAL-TIME MONITORING AND MITIGATION SUBPROGRAM FOR LARGE CETACEANS.—

(1) ESTABLISHMENT.— The Under Secretary, in coordination with the heads of other relevant Federal agencies, shall design and deploy a cost-effective, efficient, and results-oriented near real-time monitoring and mitigation subprogram for threatened or endangered cetaceans.

(2) PURPOSE.— The purpose of the Subprogram shall be to reduce the risk to large cetaceans posed by vessel collisions and to minimize other impacts on large cetaceans through the use of near real-time location monitoring and location information.

(3) REQUIREMENTS.— The Subprogram

The Program shall—

(1 A) prioritize species of large cetaceans for which impacts from vessel collisions are of particular concern;

(2 B) prioritize areas where such impacts are of particular concern;

(3 C) be capable of detecting and alerting ocean users and enforcement agencies of the probable location of large cetaceans on an actionable real-time basis, including through real-time data whenever possible;

(4 D) inform sector-specific mitigation protocols to effectively reduce takes (as defined in section 216.3 of title 50, Code of Federal Regulations, or successor regulations) of large cetaceans;

(5 E) integrate technology improvements; and

(6 F) be informed by technologies, monitoring methods, and mitigation protocols developed under the pilot project required under subsection (d).

(d) Pilot Project.—

(1) Establishment.— In carrying out the Program, the Under Secretary shall first establish a pilot monitoring and mitigation project (referred to in this section as the “pilot project”) for North Atlantic right whales for the purposes of informing the Program.

(2) Requirements.— In designing and deploying the pilot project, the Under Secretary, in coordination with the heads of other relevant Federal agencies, shall, using the best available scientific information, identify and ensure coverage of—

(A) core foraging habitats; and

(B) important feeding, breeding, calving, rearing, or migratory habitats of North Atlantic right whales that co-occur with areas of high risk of mortality or serious injury of such whales from vessels, vessel strikes, or disturbance.

(3) Components.— Not later than 3 years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Under Secretary, in consultation with relevant Federal agencies and Tribal governments, and with input from affected stakeholders, shall design and deploy a near real-time monitoring system for North Atlantic right whales that—

(A) comprises the best available detection power, spatial coverage, and survey effort to detect and localize North Atlantic right whales within habitats described in paragraph (2);

(B) is capable of detecting North Atlantic right whales, including visually and acoustically;

(C) uses dynamic habitat suitability models to inform the likelihood of North Atlantic right whale occurrence habitats described in paragraph (2) at any given time;

(D) coordinates with the Integrated Ocean Observing System of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and Regional Ocean Partnerships to leverage monitoring assets;

(E) integrates historical data;

(F) integrates new near real-time monitoring methods and technologies as such methods and technologies become available;

(G) accurately verifies and rapidly communicates detection data to appropriate ocean users;

(H) creates standards for contributing, and allows ocean users to contribute, data to the monitoring system using comparable near real-time monitoring methods and technologies;

(I) communicates the risks of injury to large cetaceans to ocean users in a manner that is most likely to result in informed decision-making regarding the mitigation of those risks; and

(J) minimizes additional stressors to large cetaceans as a result of the information available to ocean users.

(4) Reports.—

(A) Preliminary report.—

(i) **In general.**— Not later than 2 years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Under Secretary shall submit to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate and the Committee on Natural Resources of the House of Representatives, and make available to the public, a preliminary report on the pilot project.

(ii) **Elements.**— The report required under clause (i) shall include the following:

(I) A description of the monitoring methods and technology in use or planned for deployment under the pilot project.

(II) An analysis of the efficacy of the methods and technology in use or planned for deployment for detecting North Atlantic right whales.

(III) An assessment of the manner in which the monitoring system designed and deployed under this subsection is directly informing and improving the management, health, and survival of North Atlantic right whales.

(IV) A prioritized identification of technology or research gaps.

(V) A plan to communicate the risks of injury to large cetaceans to ocean users in a manner that is most likely to result in informed decision making regarding the mitigation of such risks.

(VI) Any other information on the potential benefits and efficacy of the pilot project the Under Secretary considers appropriate.

(B) Final report.—

(i) **In general.**— Not later than 6 years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Under Secretary, in coordination with the heads of other relevant Federal agencies, shall submit to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate and the Committee on Natural Resources of the House of Representatives, and make available to the public, a final report on the pilot project.

(ii) **Elements.**— The report required under clause (i) shall—

(I) address the preliminary report required under subparagraph (A); and

(II) include—

(aa) an assessment of the benefits and efficacy of the pilot project;

(bb) a strategic plan to expand the pilot project to provide near real-time monitoring and mitigation measures—

(AA) to additional large cetaceans of concern for which such measures would reduce risk of serious injury or death; and

(BB) in important feeding, breeding, calving, rearing, or migratory habitats of large cetaceans that co-occur with areas of high risk of mortality or serious injury from vessel strikes or disturbance;

(cc) a budget and description of funds necessary to carry out such plan;

(dd) a prioritized plan for acquisition, deployment, and maintenance of monitoring technologies; and

(ee) the locations or species to which such plan would apply.

(e g) Mitigation Protocols.— The Under Secretary, in consultation with the Secretary, the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of Transportation, and the Secretary of the Interior, and with input from affected stakeholders, shall develop and deploy mitigation protocols that make use of any monitoring system designed and deployed under this section to direct sector-specific mitigation measures that avoid and significantly reduce risk of serious injury and mortality to North Atlantic right whales.

(f h) Access to Data.— The Under Secretary shall provide access to data generated by any monitoring system designed and deployed under this section for purposes of scientific research and evaluation and public awareness and education, including through the Right Whale Sighting Advisory System of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and WhaleMap or other successor public website portals, subject to review for national security considerations.

(g) i) Additional Authority.— The Under Secretary may enter into and perform such contracts, leases, grants, or cooperative agreements as may be necessary to carry out this section on such terms as the Under Secretary considers appropriate, consistent with the Federal Acquisition Regulation.

(h) j) Savings Clause.— An activity may not be carried out under this section if the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Under Secretary, determines that the activity would negatively impact the defense readiness or the national security of the United States.

(i) k) Funding.— From funds otherwise appropriated to the Under Secretary \$5,000,000 is authorized to support development, deployment, application, and ongoing maintenance of the Program and to otherwise carry out this section for each of fiscal years 2023 through 2027.

(l) REPORT.— Not later than 2 years after the date of the enactment of this subsection, and every 3 years thereafter, the Under Secretary, in consultation with the Marine Mammal Commission, shall submit to Congress and make available to the public a report regarding—

- (1) activities carried out under subsections (c) and (d);
- (2) knowledge gaps identified in carrying out subsection (c);
- (3) progress made in filling knowledge gaps identified in carrying out subsection (c); and
- (4) the results and effectiveness of projects carried out with a grant awarded under the grant program.

(m) CONSTRUCTION WITH OTHER LAWS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.— The Under Secretary shall carry out this section notwithstanding any planning or ongoing actions, including rulemakings, under any other provision of law.

(2) RULES OF CONSTRUCTION.— Nothing in this section may be construed to—

(A) affect the authority or duty of the Under Secretary to issue timely regulations under any provision of law; or

(B) allow the Under Secretary to delay any action, order, or rulemaking process under any provision of law.

(n) DEFINITIONS.— In this section:

(1) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.— The term ‘eligible entity’ means—

(A) a State, regional, local, or Tribal government;

(B) a non-profit organization or research institution with expertise in monitoring or detecting migratory whales or other large cetaceans;

(C) any individual or entity the Under Secretary and the Foundation jointly determine appropriate, including ocean users in the fishing, tourism, fishing tackle manufacturing, boating, shipping, marine electronics, ship piloting, vessel towing, and other maritime sectors; and

(D) a consortium of 2 or more entities described in any of subparagraphs (A) through (C).

(2) FOUNDATION.— The term ‘Foundation’ means the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation.

(3) GRANT PROGRAM.— The term ‘grant program’ means the grant program established under subsection (e)(1).

(4) MARINE MAMMAL COMMISSION.— The term ‘Marine Mammal Commission’ means the Marine Mammal Commission established by section 201(a) of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. 1401(a)).

(5) MIGRATORY WHALE.— The term ‘migratory whale’ means all species within either—

(A) the suborder Mysticeti; or

(B) the genus Physeter.

(6) PILOT PROJECT.— The term ‘pilot project’ means the pilot monitoring and mitigation project established under subsection (f)(4)(A).

(7) PROGRAM.— The term ‘Program’ means the program established under subsection (a).

(8) SUBPROGRAM.— The term ‘Subprogram’ means the subprogram established under subsection (f)(1).

(9) UNITED STATES PERSON.— The term ‘United States person’ has the meaning given the term in section 7701(a)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

(10) WATERS UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE UNITED STATES.— The term ‘waters under the jurisdiction of the United States’ has the meaning given the term in section 3 of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. 1362).

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2. Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972

[As Amended Through P.L. 119–99, Enacted June 12, 2026]

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TITLE I—CONSERVATION AND PROTECTION OF MARINE MAMMALS

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Sec. 117. STOCK ASSESSMENTS.

(a) **In General.**— Not later than August 1, 1994, the Secretary shall, in consultation with the appropriate regional scientific review group established under subsection (d), prepare a draft stock assessment for each marine mammal stock which occurs in waters under the jurisdiction of the United States. Each draft stock assessment, based on the best scientific information available, shall—

(1) describe the geographic range of the affected stock, including any seasonal or temporal variation in such range;

(2) provide for such stock the minimum population estimate, current and maximum net productivity rates, and current population trend, including a description of the information upon which these are based;

(3) estimate the annual human-caused mortality and serious injury of the stock by source and, for a strategic stock, other factors that may be causing a decline or impeding recovery of the stock, including effects on marine mammal habitat and prey;

(4) describe commercial fisheries that interact with the stock, including—

(A) the approximate number of vessels actively participating in each such fishery;

(B) the estimated level of incidental mortality and serious injury of the stock by each such fishery on an annual basis;

(C) seasonal or area differences in such incidental mortality or serious injury; and

(D) the rate, based on the appropriate standard unit of fishing effort, of such incidental mortality and serious injury, and an analysis stating whether such level is insignificant and is approaching a zero mortality and serious injury rate;

(5) categorize the status of the stock as one that either—

(A) has a level of human-caused mortality and serious injury that is not likely to cause the stock to be reduced below its optimum sustainable population; or

(B) is a strategic stock, with a description of the reasons therefor; and

(6) estimate the potential biological removal level for the stock, describing the information used to calculate it, including the recovery factor.

(b) Public Comment.— (1) The Secretary shall publish in the Federal Register a notice of the availability of a draft stock assessment or any revision thereof and provide an opportunity for public review and comment during a period of 90 days. Such notice shall include a summary of the assessment and a list of the sources of information or published reports upon which the assessment is based.

(2) Subsequent to the notice of availability required under paragraph (1), if requested by a person to which section 101(b) applies, the Secretary shall conduct a proceeding on the record prior to publishing a final stock assessment or any revision thereof for any stock subject to taking under section 101(b).

(3) After consideration of the best scientific information available, the advice of the appropriate regional scientific review group established under subsection (d), and the comments of the general public, the Secretary shall publish in the Federal Register a notice of availability and a summary of the final stock assessment or any revision thereof, not later than 90 days after—

(A) the close of the public comment period on a draft stock assessment or revision thereof;

or

(B) final action on an agency proceeding pursuant to paragraph (2).

(c) Review and Revision.— (1) The Secretary shall review stock assessments in accordance with this subsection—

(A) at least annually for stocks which are specified as strategic stocks;

(B) at least annually for stocks for which significant new information is available; and

(C) at least once every 3 years for all other stocks.

(2) If the review under paragraph (1) indicates that the status of the stock has changed or can be more accurately determined, the Secretary shall revise the stock assessment in accordance with subsection (b).

(d) Regional Scientific Review Groups.— (1) Not later than 60 days after the date of enactment of this section, the Secretary of Commerce shall, in consultation with the Secretary of the Interior (with respect to marine mammals under that Secretary's jurisdiction), the Marine Mammal Commission, the Governors of affected adjacent coastal States, regional fishery and wildlife management authorities, Alaska Native organizations and Indian tribes, and environmental and

fishery groups, establish three independent regional scientific review groups representing Alaska, the Pacific Coast (including Hawaii), and the Atlantic Coast (including the Gulf of Mexico), consisting of individuals with expertise in marine mammal biology and ecology, population dynamics and modeling, commercial fishing technology and practices, and stocks taken under section 101(b). The Secretary of Commerce shall, to the maximum extent practicable, attempt to achieve a balanced representation of viewpoints among the individuals on each regional scientific review group. The regional scientific review groups shall advise the Secretary on—

(A) population estimates and the population status and trends of such stocks;

(B) uncertainties and research needed regarding stock separation, abundance, or trends, and factors affecting the distribution, size, or productivity of the stock;

(C) uncertainties and research needed regarding the species, number, ages, gender, and reproductive status of marine mammals;

(D) research needed to identify modifications in fishing gear and practices likely to reduce the incidental mortality and serious injury of marine mammals in commercial fishing operations;

(E) the actual, expected, or potential impacts of habitat destruction, including marine pollution and natural environmental change, on specific marine mammal species or stocks, and for strategic stocks, appropriate conservation or management measures to alleviate any such impacts; and

(F) any other issue which the Secretary or the groups consider appropriate.

(2) The scientific review groups established under this subsection shall not be subject to chapter 10 of title 5, United States Code.

(3) Members of the scientific review groups shall serve without compensation, but may be reimbursed by the Secretary, upon request, for reasonable travel costs and expenses incurred in performing their obligations.

(4) The Secretary may appoint or reappoint individuals to the regional scientific review groups under paragraph (1) as needed.

(e) **Effect on Section 101(b).**— This section shall not affect or otherwise modify the provisions of section 101(b).

(f) USE OF CERTAIN DISTRIBUTION MAPS.— In preparing, publishing, or reviewing a stock assessment under this section, the Secretary shall consider each applicable distribution map produced under section 11303(c) of the James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (16 U.S.C. 1391(c)).

Summary

(1) 25 amendments.

(2) [9 automated notifications.](#)

9 Automated Notifications

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AMENDMENT:

SEC. 2. MAPPING, SURVEYING, MONITORING, AND MITIGATION PROGRAM FOR MIGRATORY WHALES AND OTHER LARGE CETACEANS.

(a) IN GENERAL.— Section 11303 of the James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (16 U.S.C. 1391) is amended—

(6) in subsection (f), as so redesignated—

(E) in paragraph (3)(F), as so redesignated, by striking “subsection (d)” and inserting “paragraph (4)”;

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AMENDMENT:

SEC. 2. MAPPING, SURVEYING, MONITORING, AND MITIGATION PROGRAM FOR MIGRATORY WHALES AND OTHER LARGE CETACEANS.

(a) IN GENERAL.— Section 11303 of the James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (16 U.S.C. 1391) is amended—

(8) by redesignating subsection (d) as paragraph (4) of subsection (f), as so redesignated (and by adjusting the margin of paragraph (4) accordingly);

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AMENDMENT:

SEC. 2. MAPPING, SURVEYING, MONITORING, AND MITIGATION PROGRAM FOR MIGRATORY WHALES AND OTHER LARGE CETACEANS.

(a) IN GENERAL.— Section 11303 of the James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (16 U.S.C. 1391) is amended—

(9) in subsection (f)(4), as so redesignated—

(A) in the heading, by striking “PILOT PROJECT” and inserting “PILOT PROJECT”;

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Details:

- Amendment number 17
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AMENDMENT:

SEC. 2. MAPPING, SURVEYING, MONITORING, AND MITIGATION PROGRAM FOR MIGRATORY WHALES AND OTHER LARGE CETACEANS.

(a) IN GENERAL.— Section 11303 of the James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (16 U.S.C. 1391) is amended—

(9) in subsection (f)(4), as so redesignated—

(B) by redesignating paragraphs (1) through (4) as subparagraphs (A) through (D), respectively (and by redesignating any subdivisions under such subparagraphs (as so redesignated) to include adjusting the margins of such subparagraphs (and their subdivisions) accordingly);

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AMENDMENT:

SEC. 2. MAPPING, SURVEYING, MONITORING, AND MITIGATION PROGRAM FOR MIGRATORY WHALES AND OTHER LARGE CETACEANS.

(a) IN GENERAL.— Section 11303 of the James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (16 U.S.C. 1391) is amended—

(9) in subsection (f)(4), as so redesignated—

(C) by striking “Program” each place it appears and inserting “Subprogram”;

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- Amendment number 19
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AMENDMENT:

SEC. 2. MAPPING, SURVEYING, MONITORING, AND MITIGATION PROGRAM FOR MIGRATORY WHALES AND OTHER LARGE CETACEANS.

(a) IN GENERAL.— Section 11303 of the James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (16 U.S.C. 1391) is amended—

(9) in subsection (f)(4), as so redesignated—

(D) in subparagraph (C), as so redesignated, by striking “paragraph (2)” each place it appears and inserting “subparagraph (B)”;

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AMENDMENT:

SEC. 2. MAPPING, SURVEYING, MONITORING, AND MITIGATION PROGRAM FOR MIGRATORY WHALES AND OTHER LARGE CETACEANS.

(a) IN GENERAL.— Section 11303 of the James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (16 U.S.C. 1391) is amended—

(9) in subsection (f)(4), as so redesignated—

(E) in subparagraph (D)—

(i) in clause (i)(II), as so redesignated, by striking “clause (i)” and inserting “subclause (I)”; and

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AMENDMENT:

SEC. 2. MAPPING, SURVEYING, MONITORING, AND MITIGATION PROGRAM FOR MIGRATORY WHALES AND OTHER LARGE CETACEANS.

(a) IN GENERAL.— Section 11303 of the James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (16 U.S.C. 1391) is amended—

(9) in subsection (f)(4), as so redesignated—

(E) in subparagraph (D)—

(ii) in clause (ii)(II)—

(I) by striking “clause (i)” and inserting “subclause (I)”; and

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- Amendment number 22
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AMENDMENT:

SEC. 2. MAPPING, SURVEYING, MONITORING, AND MITIGATION PROGRAM FOR MIGRATORY WHALES AND OTHER LARGE CETACEANS.

(a) IN GENERAL.— Section 11303 of the James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (16 U.S.C. 1391) is amended—

(9) in subsection (f)(4), as so redesignated—

(E) in subparagraph (D)—

(ii) in clause (ii)(II)—

(II) in item (aa), by striking “subparagraph (A)” and inserting “clause (i)”; and

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