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16 U.S. Code § 6405 - Coral reef stewardship partnerships

U.S. Code Notes

(a) In GENERAL

To further community-based <u>stewardship</u> of <u>coral reefs</u>, <u>coral reef stewardship</u> partnerships for Federal and non-Federal <u>coral reefs</u> may be established in accordance with this section.

(b) STANDARDS AND PROCEDURES

The Administrator shall develop and adopt—

(1) standards for identifying individual <u>coral reefs</u> and ecologically significant units of coral reefs; and

(2) processes for adjudicating multiple applicants for <u>stewardship</u> of the same <u>coral reef</u> or ecologically significant unit of a reef to ensure no geographic overlap in representation among <u>stewardship</u> partnerships authorized by this section.

(C) Membership for Federal coral reefs

A <u>coral reef</u> <u>stewardship</u> partnership that has identified, as the subject of its <u>stewardship</u> activities, a <u>coral reef</u> or ecologically significant unit of a <u>coral reef</u> that is fully or partially under the management jurisdiction of any Federal agency specified in <u>section 6402(c)</u> of this title shall, at a minimum, include the following:

- **(1)** That Federal agency, a representative of which shall serve as chairperson of the coral reef stewardship partnership.
- **(2)** A <u>State</u> or county's resource management agency to the extent that such partnership covers a reef within such States or county's jurisdiction.
- (3) A coral reef research center designated under section 6411(b) of this title.
- (4) A nongovernmental organization.
- **(5)** A <u>covered Native entity</u> culturally affiliated with the subject reef or ecologically significant unit, if any.
- **(6)** Such other members as the partnership considers appropriate, such as interested stakeholder groups and covered Native entities.

(d) Membership for non-Federal coral reefs

(1) IN GENERAL

A <u>coral reef</u> stewardship partnership that has identified, as the subject of its <u>stewardship</u> activities, a <u>coral reef</u> or ecologically significant component of a <u>coral reef</u> that is not under the management jurisdiction of any Federal agency specified in <u>section 6402(c)</u> of this title shall, at a minimum, include the following:

- (A) A <u>State</u> or county's resource management agency or a <u>covered Native</u> <u>entity</u>, a representative of which shall serve as the chairperson of the <u>coral</u> reef stewardship partnership.
- **(B)** A <u>coral reef</u> research center designated under <u>section 6411(b) of this</u> title.

- **(C)** A nongovernmental organization.
- **(D)** Such other members as the partnership considers appropriate, such as interested stakeholder groups.

(2) Additional members

(A) In general

Subject to subparagraph (B), a <u>coral reef</u> <u>stewardship</u> partnership described in paragraph (1) may also include representatives of one or more Federal agencies.

(B) Requests; approval

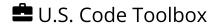
A representative of a Federal agency described in subparagraph (A) may become a member of a <u>coral reef</u> <u>stewardship</u> partnership described in paragraph (1) if—

- (i) the representative submits a request to become a member to the chairperson of the partnership referred to in paragraph (1)(A); and
- (ii) the chairperson consents to the request.

(e) Nonapplicability of Federal Advisory Committee Act

The Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.) shall not apply to <u>coral</u> reef stewardship partnerships under this section.

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