

In lieu of House report language regarding the Bureau's anticipated report on the feasibility of including Puerto Rico in additional surveys and Bureau of Justice Statistics data products, submitted to the Committees on November 26, 2019, the agreement directs the Bureau to provide a supplement to this report, not later than 90 days after enactment of this Act, containing an overall cost estimate and implementation plan for Puerto Rico's inclusion in these surveys and products. The Bureau is further directed to work with the communities and stakeholders in Puerto Rico, while conducting the Puerto Rico Community Survey, to better understand Puerto Rico's data needs.

CURRENT SURVEYS AND PROGRAMS

The bill provides \$274,000,000 for the Current Surveys and Programs account of the Bureau of the Census, to include funds to continue the level of effort for the Survey of Income and Program Participation, as described in the House report. The agreement does not adopt House report language on the division of funds within the appropriation.

PERIODIC CENSUSES AND PROGRAMS
(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

The bill provides \$7,284,319,000 for the Periodic Censuses and Programs account of the Bureau of the Census. The agreement does not adopt the House report language on the division of these funds at the Program, Project, and Activity (PPA) level.

2020 Decennial Census.—In July 2019, the Census Bureau provided an update to the Committees on its 2020 Census Life Cycle Cost Estimate. While the total estimates for the overall Decennial costs remain unchanged, the Census Bureau assumes efficiencies in the program allow for a greater contingency reserve to support potential risks. The agreement provides \$6,696,000,000 for the Decennial Census and does not adopt House recommended levels for the key operational frames, as described in the House report. The agreement includes \$669,000,000 dedicated towards Secretarial contingency needs that may arise during the Census operation such as major disasters or other unforeseen risks realized, and \$263,000,000 in additional sensitivity risks to support additional pay increases and any reduction in self-response rates beyond the current projections of the Census Bureau. The agreement clarifies a previous requirement regarding the notification to the Committees on the obligation of funds within the Bureau's contingency reserve and directs the Census Bureau to report to the Committees no later than 15 days after any obligation of such funds. Such report shall include a description of the work funded from this reserve during the fiscal year. The agreement also supports no less than the level of effort for outreach and communications that was utilized in preparation for the 2010 Decennial Census, adjusted for inflation.

Mobile Questionnaire Assistance Centers.—Within funds provided, the agreement directs the Census Bureau to support this new initiative aimed at increasing response in historically undercounted and hard to count communities. As part of the report on outreach activities in hard to count communities as directed by the House, the Census Bureau shall include details on how the Mobile Questionnaire Assistance Centers will be utilized as a part of these efforts.

Quarterly Briefing.—The agreement continues the requirement for quarterly updates from the Census Bureau to ensure the Committees are regularly apprised of the status of the 2020 Decennial operations, Census systems readiness, Census Enterprise Data Collection and Processing, implementation of GAO recommendations, and the American

Community Survey. As part of these briefings, the Census Bureau should also include updates on actions it is taking, along with the Department of Homeland Security, to secure the online platform and personal data, as described in the House report, as well as work the agency has done to mitigate risks identified by GAO, as referenced in the Senate report.

NATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND
INFORMATION ADMINISTRATION
SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The agreement includes \$40,441,000 for the salaries and expenses of the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA). The allocation of funding provided in the table in the House report is not adopted, nor is the House language regarding Public Safety Communications.

Accurate Broadband Mapping.—In lieu of section 542 of the House bill, the agreement directs NTIA to report to the Committees, not later than 90 days after enactment of this Act, regarding NTIA's current and planned efforts to improve the accuracy of measurements of broadband coverage in communities, including the sources of data used to help generate broadband coverage maps.

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK
OFFICE
SALARIES AND EXPENSES
(INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

The agreement includes language making available to the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) \$3,450,681,000, the full amount of offsetting fee collections estimated for fiscal year 2020 by the Congressional Budget Office. The agreement transfers \$2,000,000 to the Office of Inspector General to continue oversight and audits of USPTO operations and budget transparency.

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF STANDARDS AND
TECHNOLOGY

The agreement includes \$1,034,000,000 for the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST).

SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL RESEARCH AND
SERVICES
(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

The agreement provides \$754,000,000 for NIST's Scientific and Technical Research and Services (STRS) account. The agreement adopts the following within STRS: (1) House and Senate language on pyrrhotite and no less than \$1,500,000; (2) House and Senate language on regenerative medicine standards and \$2,500,000; (3) Senate language on industrial internet of things and no less than \$2,000,000; (4) Senate language on plastic and polymeric materials and \$1,000,000 above the fiscal year 2019 enacted level; (5) Senate language on graphene research and no less than \$1,250,000; (6) Senate language on unmanned aerial vehicle challenges and no less than \$2,500,000; (7) Senate language on microelectronics technology and no less than \$2,000,000; (8) Senate language on public health risks to first responders and \$2,000,000; (9) House language and funding for the Greenhouse Gas Program and Urban Dome Initiative; and (10) House and Senate language on metals-based additive manufacturing and no less than \$5,000,000.

Disaster Resilience Research Grants.—In lieu of House and Senate language regarding Disaster Resilience Research Grants, the agreement provides no less than \$2,500,000.

Quantum Information Science (QIS).—The agreement adopts House and Senate language on QIS and provides \$10,000,000 above the fiscal year 2019 enacted level.

Industries of the Future.—The agreement adopts House and Senate language on artificial intelligence and provides \$8,000,000 above the fiscal year 2019 enacted level.

Forward Looking Building Standards.—House report language regarding forward looking building standards is amended to clarify that it neither directs nor authorizes NIST to undertake any regulatory action.

Forensic Sciences.—In lieu of House and Senate report language, the agreement provides \$1,000,000 above the fiscal year 2019 enacted level for forensic science research. Additionally, the agreement provides \$3,150,000 to support the Organization of Scientific Area Committees and \$1,000,000 to support technical merit evaluations.

Facial Recognition Vendor Test.—Senate language regarding the facial recognition vendor test is adopted, and the agreement further directs NIST to continue efforts to secure personally identifiable information and other sensitive data used by this program.

INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY SERVICES

The agreement includes \$162,000,000 in total for Industrial Technology Services (ITS), including \$146,000,000 for the Hollings Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP), an increase of \$6,000,000 above the fiscal year 2019 enacted level. At this level, NIST is directed to provide an increase of at least \$100,000 for each of the 51 MEP centers. The agreement further provides \$16,000,000 for the National Network for Manufacturing Innovation, also known as Manufacturing USA.

CONSTRUCTION OF RESEARCH FACILITIES

The agreement includes \$118,000,000 for Construction of Research Facilities, of which \$43,000,000 is for the continued renovation of NIST's Building 1 laboratory.

Safety, Capacity, Maintenance, and Major Repairs (SCMMR).—Within the amount provided for Construction of Research Facilities, the agreement includes no less than \$75,000,000 for NIST to address its most pressing SCMMR projects.

NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC
ADMINISTRATION

Sexual Assault and Sexual Harassment (SASH).—The agreement adopts House and Senate report language on SASH and provides no less than \$2,000,000, of which \$1,000,000 shall be derived from funding provided to Mission Support, Executive Leadership.

OPERATIONS, RESEARCH, AND FACILITIES
(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

The agreement includes a total program level of \$3,956,213,000 under this account for the coastal, fisheries, marine, weather, satellite, and other programs of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). This total funding level includes \$3,763,939,000 in direct appropriations; a transfer of \$174,774,000 from balances in the "Promote and Develop Fishery Products and Research Pertaining to American Fisheries" fund; and \$17,500,000 derived from recoveries of prior year obligations.

The following narrative descriptions and tables identify the specific activities and funding levels included in this Act.

National Ocean Service (NOS).—\$598,956,000 is for NOS Operations, Research, and Facilities.

NATIONAL OCEAN SERVICE

Operations, Research, and Facilities
(in thousands of dollars)

Program	Amount
Navigation, Observations and Positioning	
Navigation, Observations and Positioning	\$159,456
Hydrographic Survey Priorities/Contracts ...	32,000
Integrated Ocean Observing System Regional Observations	39,000
Navigation, Observations and Positioning	230,456

NATIONAL OCEAN SERVICE—Continued

Operations, Research, and Facilities
(in thousands of dollars)

Program	Amount
Coastal Science and Assessment	
Coastal Science, Assessment, Response and Restoration	82,000
Competitive External Research	19,000
Coastal Science and Assessment	101,000
Ocean and Coastal Management and Services	
Coastal Zone Management and Services ...	45,000
Coastal Management Grants	77,000
National Oceans and Coastal Security Fund (Title IX Fund)	33,000
Coral Reef Program	29,500
National Estuarine Research Reserve System	27,500
Sanctuaries and Marine Protected Areas ...	55,500
Ocean and Coastal Management and Services	267,500
Total, National Ocean Service, Operations, Research, and Facilities	\$598,956

Navigation, Observations and Positioning.—Within funding provided, the agreement includes no less than \$6,250,000 for the Physical Oceanographic Real-Time System. The administration's proposal on funding for Coastal Observing Assets is adopted. The Senate language and funding levels regarding Hydrographic Research and Technology Development are adopted.

Coastal Science and Assessment.—The agreement provides \$44,000,000 for the National Centers for Coastal Ocean Science and no less than \$1,000,000 above the fiscal year 2019 enacted level for the Marine Debris program.

Gulf of Mexico Disaster Response Center (DRC).—Senate report language on the DRC is restated to clarify that the intent is for NOAA to fully staff the DRC no later than September 30, 2020.

Harmful Algal Blooms (HABs).—The agreement provides \$19,000,000 for Competitive External Research and adopts both House and Senate direction regarding HABs. It further clarifies that no less than \$1,000,000 is provided to sponsor a national study of the economic impacts of HABs as described in the House report.

Regional Data Portals.—The Senate language and funding level regarding Regional Data Portals are adopted.

The National Oceans and Coastal Security Fund.—The agreement provides \$33,000,000 for the National Oceans and Coastal Security Fund, also known as Title IX Fund grants. Of the amount provided, not less than \$3,000,000 shall be for project planning and design.

Marine Sanctuaries.—The administration's proposal regarding telepresence is accepted and the continuation of this work is encouraged through Ocean Exploration within Oceanic and Atmospheric Research. NOS is directed to prioritize support for Marine Sanctuaries base funding, especially in light of the designation of the new Mollusks Bay-Potomac River National Marine Sanctuary.

National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS).—\$947,657,000 is for NMFS Operations, Research, and Facilities.

NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE

Operations, Research, and Facilities
(in thousands of dollars)

Program	Amount
Protected Resources Science and Management	
Marine Mammals, Sea Turtles, and Other Species	\$122,164

NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE—Continued

Operations, Research, and Facilities
(in thousands of dollars)

Program	Amount
Species Recovery Grants	7,000
Atlantic Salmon	6,500
Pacific Salmon	65,000
Protected Resources Science and Management	200,664
Fisheries Science and Management	
Fisheries and Ecosystem Science Programs and Services	146,427
Fisheries Data Collections, Surveys and Assessments	173,709
Observers and Training	54,968
Fisheries Management Programs and Services	123,836
Aquaculture	15,250
Salmon Management Activities	58,043
Regional Councils and Fisheries Commissions	40,247
Interjurisdictional Fisheries Grants	3,365
Fisheries Science and Management ..	615,845
Enforcement	74,023
Habitat Conservation and Restoration	57,125
Total, National Marine Fisheries Service, Operations, Research, and Facilities	\$947,657

Southern Resident Killer Whales.—The agreement includes no less than the fiscal year 2019 enacted level for NMFS to continue its work on Southern Resident killer whales.

North Atlantic Right Whale.—The agreement provides an increase of \$2,000,000 within Marine Mammals, Sea Turtles, and Other Species for North Atlantic right whales-related research, development, and conservation. Additional direction in the House and Senate reports, including the pilot project, is adopted.

Salmon Management Activities.—Within funding provided, the agreement includes no less than \$35,500,000 for implementation of the Pacific Salmon Treaty, which is \$20,000,000 above the fiscal year 2019 enacted level, and \$22,000,000 for the operation and maintenance of Mitchell Act hatcheries. House and Senate language on the Pacific Salmon Treaty is adopted, and the Committees look forward to receiving the requested spend plan in an expeditious fashion.

Fisheries Information Networks.—The agreement provides \$24,000,000 for Fisheries Information Networks and adopts Senate language regarding the disbursement of funds provided above the fiscal year 2019 enacted level.

Gulf of Mexico Electronic Logbooks.—Senate language and funding levels regarding implementing electronic logbooks in the Gulf of Mexico are adopted.

South Atlantic Reef Fish.—Senate guidance on conducting a fishing gear selectivity study is adopted. Additionally, the agreement provides up to \$1,500,000 to employ the independent and alternative stock assessment strategies directed by the House and Senate for the Gulf of Mexico to supplement NMFS assessments of red snapper in the South Atlantic.

NMFS Quarterly Briefings.—In lieu of House report language regarding quarterly updates on red snapper, the agreement directs NMFS to provide quarterly briefings on relevant operational, regulatory, and policy matters.

Modern Fish Act.—The agreement adopts Senate language on data collection for recreational fisheries and provides no less than \$3,000,000 for these purposes.

Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated (IUU) Fishing.—The agreement adopts Senate language regarding IUU fishing. In lieu of the House language regarding the Seafood Import Monitoring Program (SIMP), NOAA shall, in consultation with the Task Force on Human Trafficking in Fishing in International Waters, which was codified in Public Law 115-141, determine any gaps in the Task Force's report regarding the nature and extent of human trafficking and related labor abuses in the commercial seafood supply chain. This study shall identify specific countries and fisheries where such activities are believed to be significant, and shall be provided to the Committees within one year of enactment of this Act. NOAA shall notify the Department of Justice if any gaps are found.

Further, NOAA shall evaluate, within the biannual report to Congress on IUU fishing, SIMP's effectiveness regarding (1) the preservation of stocks of at-risk species around the world and (2) the protection of American consumers from seafood fraud; and, within 180 days of enactment of this Act, shall report to the Committees on the metrics it intends to use for such evaluation.

Highly Migratory Species.—House report language regarding Highly Migratory Species is not adopted.

Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research (OAR).—\$548,384,000 is for OAR Operations, Research, and Facilities.

OFFICE OF OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC RESEARCH

Operations, Research, and Facilities
(in thousands of dollars)

Program	Amount
Climate Research	
Laboratories and Cooperative Institutes	\$66,500
Regional Climate Data and Information	40,000
Climate Competitive Research	63,000
Climate Research	169,500
Weather and Air Chemistry Research	
Laboratories and Cooperative Institutes	82,000
U.S. Weather Research Program	23,000
Tornado Severe Storm Research/Phased Array Radar	13,634
Joint Technology Transfer Initiative	15,000
Weather and Air Chemistry Research	133,634
Ocean, Coastal and Great Lakes Research	
Laboratories and Cooperative Institutes	35,500
National Sea Grant College Program	74,000
Marine Aquaculture Program	13,000
Ocean Exploration and Research	42,000
Integrated Ocean Acidification	14,000
Sustained Ocean Observations and Monitoring	45,000
National Oceanographic Partnership Program	5,000
Ocean, Coastal and Great Lakes Research	228,500
High Performance Computing Initiatives	16,750
Total, Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research, Operations, Research and Facilities	\$548,384

National Climate Assessment (NCA).—The agreement provides no less than \$3,000,000 for the NCA.

Earth's Radiation Budget.—In lieu of House language regarding Earth's radiation budget, the agreement provides no less than \$4,000,000 for modeling, assessments, and, as possible, initial observations and monitoring of stratospheric conditions and the Earth's radiation budget, including the impact of the

introduction of material into the stratosphere from changes in natural systems, increased air and space traffic, proposals to inject material to affect climate, and the assessment of solar climate interventions. Within these funds, the agreement further directs OAR to improve the understanding of the impact of atmospheric aerosols on radiative forcing, as well as on the formation of clouds, precipitation, and extreme weather.

Regional Integrated Sciences and Assessments Program (RISA).—The agreement includes an increase of \$1,500,000 for the RISA Program and adopts the House direction.

U.S. Weather Research Program.—The agreement provides no less than \$8,000,000 for the Earth Prediction Innovation Center and adopts the Senate direction. The agreement also adopts the Administration’s request for Airborne Phased Array Radar.

Vortex-Southeast (Vortex-SE).—The agreement provides up to \$10,000,000 for OAR to continue collaborating with the National Science Foundation’s Vortex-SE initiative.

Phased Array Radar (PAR).—The agreement adopts Senate language on PAR and provides no less than \$1,000,000 above the fiscal year 2019 enacted level.

Highly Migratory Species.—The agreement does not adopt Senate language relating to Sea Grant research on highly migratory species, as that work is now underway. Available funds shall be used to support the National Sea Grant College Program base.

Cloud Computing for Research.—The agreement adopts House direction regarding cloud computing and provides no less than \$5,000,000 for that purpose.

NOAA Supercomputing Plan.—The agreement adopts Senate bill language and House report language requiring the development of a supercomputing strategy and cloud computing strategy, respectively, but clarifies that these strategies should be submitted as one report.

National Weather Service (NWS).—\$1,065,701,000 is for NWS Operations, Research, and Facilities.

NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE

Operations, Research, and Facilities
(in thousands of dollars)

Program	Amount
Observations	\$229,862
Central Processing	97,980
Analyze, Forecast and Support	513,556
Dissemination	76,843
Science and Technology Integration	147,460
Total, National Weather Service, Operations, Research and Facilities	\$1,065,701

National Mesonet Program.—The agreement provides \$20,200,000 for the continuation and expansion of the National Mesonet Program. Of the funds provided, up to \$500,000 may be used for Meteorological Assimilation Data Ingest System activities, and up to \$500,000 may be used for costs associated with the National Mesonet Program Office.

Facilities Maintenance.—In lieu of House language regarding facilities maintenance, NWS is encouraged to continue addressing the highest priority facilities repair and deferred maintenance requirements at Weather Forecast Offices.

Office of Water Prediction (OWP).—The Senate language and funding levels regarding OWP are adopted. Additionally, the agreement provides \$1,500,000 within Dissemination to expeditiously transition the water resources prediction capabilities developed by OWP into operations.

Tsunami Warning Program.—The agreement provides no less than the fiscal year 2019 en-

acted level for the Tsunami Warning Program.

National Environmental Satellite, Data and Information Service (NESDIS).—\$260,739,000 is for NESDIS Operations, Research, and Facilities.

NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL SATELLITE, DATA AND INFORMATION SERVICE

Operations, Research, and Facilities
(in thousands of dollars)

Program	Amount
Environmental Satellite Observing Systems	
Office of Satellite and Product Operations	\$166,063
Product Development, Readiness and Application	28,434
Commercial Remote Sensing Regulatory Affairs	1,800
Office of Space Commerce	2,300
Group on Earth Observations	500
Environmental Satellite Observing Systems	199,097
National Centers for Environmental Information	61,642
Total, National Environmental Satellite, Data and Information Service, Operations, Research, and Facilities	\$260,739

Study on Satellite Instrumentation and Data.—Senate report language on satellite instrumentation and data is amended to clarify that the intent is for NOAA and NASA to submit a study that assesses the enumerated purposes in the Senate report at the out-of-band emissions limits agreed to at the World Radiocommunication Conference 2019. Acknowledging NTIA’s role in managing the Federal use of spectrum, but given that NTIA’s Office of Spectrum Management currently has a limited role in reviewing technical studies related to sharing with satellite operations, the Committees direct NOAA to engage with NTIA, as needed, for review of assumptions on the commercial deployment of 5G telecommunications networks over the life of these satellites; analysis methodology; and interference protection criteria; as well as to verify intermediate results.

Mission Support.—\$290,361,000 is for Mission Support Operations, Research, and Facilities.

MISSION SUPPORT

Operations, Research, and Facilities
(in thousands of dollars)

Program	Amount
Mission Support	
Executive Leadership	\$27,078
Mission Services and Management	155,934
IT Security	15,079
Payment to DOC Working Capital Fund	62,070
Mission Support Services	260,161
Office of Education	
BWET Regional Programs	7,750
José E. Serrano Educational Partnership Program with Minority Serving Institutions	17,200
NOAA Education Program Base	5,250
Office of Education	30,200
Total, Mission Support, Operations, Research, and Facilities	\$290,361

José E. Serrano Educational Partnership Program with Minority Serving Institutions.—The

agreement provides \$17,200,000 for the José E. Serrano Educational Partnership Program with Minority Serving Institutions, which has been re-named in honor of Congressman José E. Serrano for his steadfast leadership and support for increasing the participation of underrepresented communities in the sciences.

Office of Marine and Aviation Operations (OMAO).—\$244,415,000 is for OMAO Operations, Research, and Facilities.

OFFICE OF MARINE AND AVIATION OPERATIONS

Operations, Research, and Facilities
(in thousands of dollars)

Program	Amount
Office of Marine and Aviation Operations	
Marine Operations and Maintenance	\$194,000
Aviation Operations and Aircraft Services	37,750
Unmanned Systems Operations	12,665
Total, Office of Marine and Aviation Operations, Operations, Research, and Facilities	\$244,415

Aviation Operations and Aircraft Services.—The agreement provides no less than \$1,500,000 within Aviation Operations and Aircraft Services to further programs aimed at recruiting and training pilots for service in the Commissioned Officer Corps of NOAA.

Monitoring of Atmospheric Rivers.—The agreement provides no less than \$1,500,000 within Aviation Operations and Aircraft Services to better observe and predict atmospheric rivers.

NOAA Ship Ronald H. Brown Midlife Maintenance.—OMAO is directed to continue its partnership with the academic research fleet to obtain all required engineering and acquisition requirements to initiate a single phase, 12-month midlife maintenance repair period in fiscal year 2021 on the NOAA Ship Ronald H. Brown.

PROCUREMENT, ACQUISITION AND CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

The agreement includes a total program level of \$1,543,890,000 in direct obligations for NOAA Procurement, Acquisition and Construction (PAC), of which \$1,530,890,000 is appropriated from the general fund and \$13,000,000 is derived from recoveries of prior year obligations. The following narrative and table identify the specific activities and funding levels included in this Act:

PROCUREMENT, ACQUISITION and CONSTRUCTION

(in thousands of dollars)

Program	Amount
National Ocean Service	
National Estuarine Research Reserve Construction	\$4,500
Marine Sanctuaries Construction	3,000
Total, NOS—PAC	7,500
Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research	
Research Supercomputing/CCRI	42,000
National Weather Service	
Observations	16,250
Central Processing	66,761
Dissemination	9,934
Weather Forecast Office Construction	10,000
Total, NWS—PAC	102,945
National Environmental Satellite, Data and Information Service	
GOES R	304,056
Polar Weather Satellites	745,000
Systems/Services, Architecture, and Engineering	33,990

PROCUREMENT, ACQUISITION and CONSTRUCTION—
Continued

(in thousands of dollars)

Program	Amount
CDARS	11,350
Space Weather Follow-on	64,000
Cosmic 2/GNSS RO	5,892
Satellite CDA Facility	2,450
Satellite Ground Services	55,707
Projects, Planning, and Analysis	31,000
Total, NESDIS—PAC	1,253,445
Mission Support	
NOAA Construction	40,000
Office of Marine and Aviation Operations	
Fleet Capital Improvements and Technology Infusion	23,000
New Vessel Construction	75,000
Total, OMAO—PAC	98,000
Total, Procurement, Acquisition and Construction	\$1,543,890

Research Supercomputing.—The agreement directs NOAA to maximize its research supercomputing capacity within available funds. Therefore, 25 percent of funds for OAR Research Supercomputing are to be withheld until NOAA provides the Committees with a detailed spending plan, by project and by object class, for funding provided for Research Supercomputing.

National Weather Service Observations.—The agreement provides the requested amount for the Next Generation Weather Radar and the Automated Surface Observing System Service Life Extension Programs.

NESDIS Reorganization.—The agreement partially approves the proposed NESDIS budget reorganization by creating a new Program, Project, or Activity titled Systems/Services, Architecture, and Engineering (SAE), which includes funding previously provided for System Architecture and Advanced Planning, Satellite Ground Services, and Commercial Weather Data. Senate language on system architecture and advanced planning and commercial weather data is adopted and should be executed using funds provided to SAE. The Committees expect that the SAE portfolio will manage end-to-end space and ground architecture requirements, support early stage ventures, and serve as the single entry point for commercial partners.

Facilities Maintenance.—The agreement provides \$40,000,000 for high priority facilities repair and deferred maintenance requirements, as described in the Senate report. NOAA shall prioritize infrastructure projects related to Marine Operations.

Alaska Homeport Study.—Senate report language directing NOAA to complete and submit the NOAA *Fairweather* homeport analysis is not adopted.

PACIFIC COASTAL SALMON RECOVERY

The agreement includes \$65,000,000 for Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery. The agreement adopts the House approach to the allocation of funds to eligible grantees.

FISHERMEN'S CONTINGENCY FUND

The agreement includes \$349,000 for the Fishermen's Contingency Fund.

FISHERIES FINANCE PROGRAM ACCOUNT

The agreement includes language under this heading limiting obligations of direct loans to \$24,000,000 for Individual Fishing Quota loans and \$100,000,000 for traditional direct loans.

DEPARTMENTAL MANAGEMENT
SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The agreement includes \$61,000,000 for Departmental Management (DM) salaries and expenses.

Working Capital Fund (WCF).—The agreement adopts Senate report language on the Working Capital Fund and further requests that the GAO conduct a review of the Department of Commerce's (DOC) WCF. The Committees request that GAO: (1) determine whether the DOC WCF is adhering to key operating principles to ensure the appropriate tracking and use of funds; (2) evaluate how DOC policies and procedures for managing the WCF are meeting these principles; (3) examine the balances accumulated and retained in the DOC WCF; and (4) assess how the DOC WCF and DOC bureaus account for and grade the services they provide and receive, including whether there is any duplication of services.

Office of the Secretary Travel.—House bill language to prohibit travel for personnel within the Office of the Secretary from funds outside of Salaries and Expenses is not adopted. However, to increase transparency regarding the amounts the Department's bureaus contribute toward travel expenses of the Secretary and the Secretary's immediate staff, the agreement directs the Department to provide in its fiscal year 2021 congressional budget justification the estimated total for travel costs outside of the National Capital Region for all personnel within Executive Direction by office, broken down by bureau contributions at the PPA level and any associated authorities that justify why such expenses are not supported through the "Departmental Management, Salaries and Expenses" appropriation. As part of the budget justification, the Department shall also include travel costs associated with fiscal years 2019 and 2020. The Department shall also ensure that these costs are clearly identified in future spend plans.

Section 232 Exclusion Process.—The agreement continues to provide funding for the ongoing exclusion process for Section 232 steel and aluminum tariffs, including up to \$6,500,000 within BIS, up to \$8,000,000 within ITA, and up to \$1,000,000 within DM. If additional funding for the exclusion process becomes necessary, the Department shall report to the Committees at least 15 days prior to the obligation of funds above the totals specified herein. Further, the Committees are concerned by the findings presented in the DOC Office of Inspector General (OIG) Management Alert (OIG-20-003-M) regarding the Section 232 exclusion process. Therefore, the agreement directs the Department to brief the Committees, not later than 30 days after enactment of this Act, on how the process has been reformed in response to the OIG's recommendations.

Space Commerce.—Senate report language on Space Commerce within DM is amended to clarify that the results of the independent review shall be submitted to the Committees, and all relevant authorizing committees, not later than six months after the Secretary enters into a contract with the National Academy of Public Administration. Additionally, the agreement encourages that the costs of the study be shared by DM and NOAA, within funds provided above the fiscal year 2019 level for the Office of Space Commerce within NOAA NESDIS.

Section 232 Automobiles Report.—In lieu of Senate language on Section 232 Investigations, section 112 of this Act requires that the report on the findings of the Section 232 investigation into the effect on national security of automobile and automotive parts imports be published in the Federal Register no later than 30 days after enactment of this

Act. In releasing the report, the Secretary of Commerce shall ensure that no confidential business information or proprietary data is included in the version of the report published in the Federal Register.

RENOVATION AND MODERNIZATION

The agreement includes a total of \$1,000,000 for the Renovation and Modernization account. The agreement does not adopt House report language on centralizing Departmental salaries and expenses into one appropriation, but reemphasizes House direction for the Department to evaluate how it can best standardize its appropriations in future years, recognizing transparency of total project costs is a priority.

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

The agreement includes a total of \$41,858,000 for the Office of Inspector General. This amount includes \$33,000,000 in direct appropriations, a \$2,000,000 transfer from USPTO, a transfer of \$3,556,000 from the Bureau of the Census, Periodic Censuses and Programs, and \$1,302,000 from NOAA PAC for audits and reviews of those programs. In addition, \$2,000,000 is derived from the Public Safety Trust Fund for oversight of FirstNet.

GENERAL PROVISIONS—DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

The agreement includes the following general provisions for the Department of Commerce:

Section 101 makes funds available for advanced payments only upon certification of officials, designated by the Secretary, that such payments are considered to be in the public interest.

Section 102 makes appropriations for Department of Commerce salaries and expenses available for hire of passenger motor vehicles, for services, and for uniforms and allowances as authorized by law.

Section 103 provides the authority to transfer funds between Department of Commerce appropriation accounts and requires 15 days advance notification to the Committees on Appropriations for certain actions.

Section 104 provides congressional notification requirements for NOAA satellite programs and includes life cycle cost estimates for certain weather satellite programs.

Section 105 provides for reimbursement for services within Department of Commerce buildings.

Section 106 clarifies that grant recipients under the Department of Commerce may continue to deter child pornography, copyright infringement, or any other unlawful activity over their networks.

Section 107 provides the NOAA Administrator with the authority to avail NOAA of resources, with the consent of those supplying the resources, to carry out responsibilities of any statute administered by NOAA.

Section 108 prohibits the National Technical Information Service from charging for certain services.

Section 109 allows NOAA to be reimbursed by Federal and non-Federal entities for performing certain activities.

Section 110 provides the Economics and Statistics Administration certain authority to enter into cooperative agreements.

Section 111 establishes a Department of Commerce Nonrecurring Expenses Fund for information and business technology system modernization and makes appropriations for a business application system modernization.

Section 112 provides for the release of a Department of Commerce report.