

§ 5606. Prohibited acts and penalties**(a) Prohibition**

It is unlawful for any person or vessel that is subject to the jurisdiction of the United States—

(1) to violate any regulation issued under this chapter or any measure that is legally binding on the United States under the Convention;

(2) to refuse to permit any authorized enforcement officer to board a fishing vessel that is subject to the person's control for purposes of conducting any search or inspection in connection with the enforcement of this chapter, any regulation issued under this chapter, or any measure that is legally binding on the United States under the Convention;

(3) forcibly to assault, resist, oppose, impede, intimidate, or interfere with any authorized enforcement officer in the conduct of any search or inspection described in paragraph (2);

(4) to resist a lawful arrest for any act prohibited by this section;

(5) to ship, transport, offer for sale, sell, purchase, import, export, or have custody, control, or possession of, any fish taken or retained in violation of this section; or

(6) to interfere with, delay, or prevent, by any means, the apprehension or arrest of another person, knowing that the other person has committed an act prohibited by this section.

(b) Civil penalty

Any person who commits any act that is unlawful under subsection (a) of this section shall be liable to the United States for a civil penalty, or may be subject to a permit sanction, under section 1858 of this title.

(c) Criminal penalty

Any person who commits an act that is unlawful under paragraph (2), (3), (4), or (6) of subsection (a) of this section shall be guilty of an offense punishable under section 1859(b) of this title.

(d) Civil forfeitures**(1) In general**

Any vessel (including its gear, furniture, appurtenances, stores, and cargo) used in the commission of an act that is unlawful under subsection (a) of this section, and any fish (or the fair market value thereof) taken or retained, in any manner, in connection with or as a result of the commission of any act that is unlawful under subsection (a) of this section, shall be subject to seizure and forfeiture as provided in section 1860 of this title.

(2) Disposal of fish

Any fish seized pursuant to this chapter may be disposed of pursuant to the order of a court of competent jurisdiction or, if perishable, in a manner prescribed by regulations issued by the Secretary.

(e) Enforcement

The Secretary and the Secretary of the department in which the Coast Guard is operating

shall enforce the provisions of this chapter and shall have the authority specified in section 1861(a), (b)(1), and (c) of this title for that purpose.

(f) Jurisdiction of courts

The district courts of the United States shall have exclusive jurisdiction over any case or controversy arising under this section and may, at any time—

(1) enter restraining orders or prohibitions;

(2) issue warrants, process in rem, or other process;

(3) prescribe and accept satisfactory bonds or other security; and

(4) take such other actions as are in the interests of justice.

(Pub. L. 104-43, title II, §207, Nov. 3, 1995, 109 Stat. 379; Pub. L. 105-384, title II, §201(b)(1), Nov. 13, 1998, 112 Stat. 3451.)

AMENDMENTS

1998—Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 105-384 substituted “section” for “sections”.

TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

For transfer of authorities, functions, personnel, and assets of the Coast Guard, including the authorities and functions of the Secretary of Transportation relating thereto, to the Department of Homeland Security, and for treatment of related references, see sections 468(b), 551(d), 552(d), and 557 of Title 6, Domestic Security, and the Department of Homeland Security Reorganization Plan of November 25, 2002, as modified, set out as a note under section 542 of Title 6.

§ 5607. Consultative committee**(a) Establishment**

The Secretary of State and the Secretary, shall jointly establish a consultative committee to advise the Secretaries on issues related to the Convention.

(b) Membership

(1) The membership of the Committee shall include representatives from the New England and Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Councils, the States represented on those Councils, the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission, the fishing industry, the seafood processing industry, and others knowledgeable and experienced in the conservation and management of fisheries in the Northwest Atlantic Ocean.

(2) TERMS AND REAPPOINTMENT.—Each member of the consultative committee shall serve for a term of two years and shall be eligible for reappointment.

(c) Duties of committee

Members of the consultative committee may attend—

(1) all public meetings of the General Council or the Fisheries Commission;

(2) any other meetings to which they are invited by the General Council or the Fisheries Commission; and

(3) all nonexecutive meetings of the United States Commissioners.

(d) Relationship to other law

The Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.) shall not apply to the consultative committee established under this section.

(Pub. L. 104-43, title II, §208, Nov. 3, 1995, 109 Stat. 380.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Federal Advisory Committee Act, referred to in subsec. (d), is Pub. L. 92-463, Oct. 6, 1972, 86 Stat. 770, as amended, which is set out in the Appendix to Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.

§ 5608. Administrative matters

(a) Prohibition on compensation

A person shall not receive any compensation from the Government by reason of any service of the person as—

- (1) a Commissioner, Alternate Commissioner, Representative, or Alternative Representative;
- (2) an expert or adviser authorized under section 5601(e) of this title; or
- (3) a member of the consultative committee established by section 5607 of this title.

(b) Travel and expenses

The Secretary of State shall, subject to the availability of appropriations, pay all necessary travel and other expenses of persons described in subsection (a)(1) of this section and of not more than six experts and advisers authorized under section 5601(e) of this title with respect to their actual performance of their official duties pursuant to this chapter, in accordance with the Federal Travel Regulations and sections 5701, 5702, 5704 through 5708, and 5731 of title 5.

(c) Status as Federal employees

A person shall not be considered to be a Federal employee by reason of any service of the person in a capacity described in subsection (a) of this section, except for purposes of injury compensation and tort claims liability under chapter 81 of title 5 and chapter 171 of title 28, respectively.

(Pub. L. 104-43, title II, §209, Nov. 3, 1995, 109 Stat. 381; Pub. L. 105-384, title II, §201(b)(2), Nov. 13, 1998, 112 Stat. 3451.)

AMENDMENTS

1998—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 105-384 substituted “171” for “17”.

§ 5609. Definitions

In this chapter the following definitions apply:

(1) Authorized enforcement officer

The term “authorized enforcement officer” means a person authorized to enforce this chapter, any regulation issued under this chapter, or any measure that is legally binding on the United States under the Convention.

(2) Commissioner

The term “Commissioner” means a United States Commissioner to the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization appointed under section 5601(a) of this title.

(3) Convention

The term “Convention” means the Convention on Future Multilateral Cooperation in the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries, done at Ottawa on October 24, 1978.

(4) Fisheries Commission

The term “Fisheries Commission” means the Fisheries Commission provided for by Articles II, XI, XII, XIII, and XIV of the Convention.

(5) General Council

The term “General Council” means the General Council provided for by Article¹ II, III, IV, and V of the Convention.

(6) Magnuson Act

The term “Magnuson Act” means the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1801 et seq.).

(7) Organization

The term “Organization” means the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization provided for by Article II of the Convention.

(8) Person

The term “person” means any individual (whether or not a citizen or national of the United States), and any corporation, partnership, association, or other entity (whether or not organized or existing under the laws of any State).

(9) Representative

The term “Representative” means a United States Representative to the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Scientific Council appointed under section 5601(c) of this title.

(10) Scientific Council

The term “Scientific Council” means the Scientific Council provided for by Articles II, VI, VII, VIII, IX, and X of the Convention.

(11) Secretary

The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of Commerce.

(Pub. L. 104-43, title II, §210, Nov. 3, 1995, 109 Stat. 381; Pub. L. 105-384, title II, §201(b)(3), Nov. 13, 1998, 112 Stat. 3451.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, referred to in par. (6), is Pub. L. 94-265, Apr. 13, 1976, 90 Stat. 331, as amended, which is classified principally to chapter 38 (§1801 et seq.) of this title. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 1801 of this title and Tables.

AMENDMENTS

1998—Par. (6). Pub. L. 105-384 substituted “Magnuson-Stevens Fishery” for “Magnuson Fishery”.

§ 5610. Authorization of appropriations

There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this chapter, including use for payment as the United States contribution to the Organization as provided in Article XVI of the Convention, \$500,000 for each fiscal year through fiscal year 2012.

(Pub. L. 104-43, title II, §211, Nov. 3, 1995, 109 Stat. 382; Pub. L. 105-384, title II, §201(a), Nov. 13, 1998, 112 Stat. 3451; Pub. L. 107-372, title III, §305, Dec. 19, 2002, 116 Stat. 3096; Pub. L. 109-479, title III, §302(i), Jan. 12, 2007, 120 Stat. 3625.)

¹ So in original. Probably should be “Articles”.