

### § 7362. Acquisition and transfer of vessels and equipment

(a) **AUTHORITY.**—The Secretary of the Navy may acquire or transfer for operation by private salvage companies such vessels and equipment as the Secretary considers necessary.

(b) **AGREEMENT ON USE.**—Before any salvage vessel or salvage gear is transferred by the Secretary to a private party, the private party must agree in writing with the Secretary that the vessel or gear will be used to support organized offshore salvage facilities for a period of as many years as the Secretary considers appropriate.

(c) **REFERENCE TO AUTHORITY TO ADVANCE FUNDS FOR IMMEDIATE SALVAGE OPERATIONS.**—For authority for the Secretary of the Navy to advance to private salvage companies such funds as the Secretary considers necessary to provide for the immediate financing of salvage operations, see section 2307(g)(2) of this title.

(Added Pub. L. 104-106, div. A, title X, §1015, Feb. 10, 1996, 110 Stat. 424.)

#### PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 7362, act Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 455, related to commercial use of naval facilities, prior to the general amendment of this chapter by Pub. L. 104-106.

### § 7363. Settlement of claims

(a) **AUTHORITY TO SETTLE CLAIM.**—The Secretary of the Navy may settle any claim by the United States for salvage services rendered by the Department of the Navy and may receive payment of any such claim.

(b) **SALVAGE SERVICES DEFINED.**—In this section, the term “salvage services” includes services performed in connection with a marine salvage operation that are intended to prevent, abate, or minimize damage to the environment.

(Added Pub. L. 104-106, div. A, title X, §1015, Feb. 10, 1996, 110 Stat. 425; amended Pub. L. 108-136, div. A, title III, §315(b), Nov. 24, 2003, 117 Stat. 1431.)

#### PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 7363, act Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 455, related to contract provisions for transfer of Navy equipment to private parties, prior to the general amendment of this chapter by Pub. L. 104-106.

#### AMENDMENTS

2003—Pub. L. 108-136 designated existing provisions as subsec. (a), inserted heading, and added subsec. (b).

### § 7364. Disposition of receipts

Amounts received under this chapter shall be credited to appropriations for maintaining naval salvage facilities. However, any amount received under this chapter in any fiscal year in excess of naval salvage costs incurred by the Navy during that fiscal year shall be deposited into the general fund of the Treasury.

(Added Pub. L. 104-106, div. A, title X, §1015, Feb. 10, 1996, 110 Stat. 425.)

#### PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 7364, act Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 455, related to advancement of funds by the Secretary of the Navy to private companies for salvage op-

erations, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 103-355, title II, §2001(j)(1), Oct. 13, 1994, 108 Stat. 3303. See section 2307(g) of this title.

A prior section 7365, acts Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 456; Aug. 29, 1972, Pub. L. 92-417, §1(4), 86 Stat. 654, related to settlement of claims, prior to the general amendment of this chapter by Pub. L. 104-106. See section 7363 of this title.

A prior section 7366, act Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 456, related to limitation on appropriations for naval salvage facilities, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 103-160, div. A, title VIII, §824(a)(10), Nov. 30, 1993, 107 Stat. 1708.

A prior section 7367, act Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 456, related to disposition of receipts, prior to the general amendment of this chapter by Pub. L. 104-106. See section 7364 of this title.

## CHAPTER 639—UNITED STATES NAVAL OBSERVATORY

Sec.

[7391 to 7394. Repealed.]

7395. Naval Observatory: administration.

7396. Naval Observatory: exchange of information with foreign offices.

#### AMENDMENTS

1982—Pub. L. 97-295, §1(50)(F), Oct. 12, 1982, 96 Stat. 1300, struck out “NAVAL OCEANOGRAPHIC OFFICE AND” from chapter heading.

Pub. L. 97-295, §1(50)(B), Oct. 12, 1982, 96 Stat. 1299, struck out items 7391 “United States Naval Oceanographic Office: establishment and duties”, 7392 “United States Naval Oceanographic Office: maps, charts and books”, 7393 “United States Naval Oceanographic Office: pilot charts”, and 7394 “Price of maps, charts, and navigational publications”.

1964—Pub. L. 88-436, §1(b), Aug. 14, 1964, 78 Stat. 436, substituted “navigational publications” for “nautical books” in item 7394.

1962—Pub. L. 87-533, §1(a)(1), (b), July 10, 1962, 76 Stat. 154, 155, substituted “United States Naval Oceanographic” for “Hydrographic” in chapter heading and in items 7391 to 7393.

### [[§§ 7391 to 7394. Repealed. Pub. L. 97-295, §1(50)(A), Oct. 12, 1982, 96 Stat. 1299]]

Section 7391, acts Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 456; July 10, 1962, Pub. L. 87-533, §1(a)(2), 76 Stat. 154, provided for a United States Naval Oceanographic Office attached to the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations which would provide navigational aids, charts, books, and manuals, and was reenacted as former section 2791 of this title.

Section 7392, acts Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 456; July 10, 1962, Pub. L. 87-533, §1(a)(3), 76 Stat. 154, provided that the Secretary of the Navy may have the United States Naval Oceanographic Office prepare navigational aids, charts, and books, and that he may publish and distribute such materials and buy copyrights of existing navigational aids, charts, and books, and was reenacted as section 451 of this title.

Section 7393, acts Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 456; July 10, 1962, Pub. L. 87-533, §1(a)(4), 76 Stat. 154, directed that certain identifying information be printed on United States Naval Oceanographic pilot charts, and that the Department of Commerce’s Weather Bureau provide the Naval Oceanographic Office with data necessary for their preparation, and was reenacted as section 452 of this title.

Section 7394, acts Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 457; July 10, 1962, Pub. L. 87-533, §1(a)(5), 76 Stat. 154; Aug. 14, 1964, Pub. L. 88-436, §1(a), 78 Stat. 443, directed that publications by the Naval Oceanographic Office be sold under regulations of the Secretary of the Navy, and that proceeds be covered into the Treasury, and was reenacted as section 453 of this title.