

**§ 773g. Crimes and criminal penalties****(a) Offenses**

A person is guilty of any<sup>1</sup> offense if he commits an act prohibited by section 773e(a)(2), (3), (4), or (6) of this title; or section 773e(b) of this title.

**(b) Fines; imprisonment**

Any offense described in subsection (a) of this section is punishable by a fine of not more than \$200,000 or imprisonment for not more than 6 months, or both; except that if in the commission of any offense the person uses a dangerous weapon, engages in conduct that causes bodily injury to any officer authorized to enforce the provisions of this subchapter, or places any such officer in fear of imminent bodily injury the offense is punishable by a fine of not more than \$400,000, or imprisonment for not more than 10 years or both.

**(c) Federal jurisdiction**

There is Federal jurisdiction over any offense described in this section.

(Pub. L. 97-176, §9, May 17, 1982, 96 Stat. 81; Pub. L. 109-479, title III, §301(c), Jan. 12, 2007, 120 Stat. 3623.)

## AMENDMENTS

2007—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 109-479 substituted “\$200,000” for “\$50,000” and “\$400,000,” for “\$100,000.”

**§ 773h. Forfeitures****(a) Civil forfeiture proceeding**

Any fishing vessel (including its fishing gear, furniture, appurtenances, stores, and cargo) used, and any fish taken or retained, in any manner, in connection with or as a result of the commission of any act prohibited by section 773e of this title shall be subject to forfeiture to the United States. All or part of such vessel may, and all such fish shall, be forfeited to the United States pursuant to a civil proceeding under this section.

**(b) United States district court jurisdiction**

Any district court of the United States shall have jurisdiction, upon application by the Attorney General on behalf of the United States, to order any forfeiture authorized under subsection (a) of this section and any action provided for under subsection (d) of this section.

**(c) Seizure of forfeited property**

If a judgment is entered for the United States in a civil forfeiture proceeding under this section, the Attorney General may seize any property or other interest declared forfeited to the United States, which has not previously been seized pursuant to this subchapter or for which security has not previously been obtained under subsection (d) of this section. The provisions of the customs laws relating to—

- (1) the disposition of forfeited property;
- (2) the proceeds from the sale of forfeited property;
- (3) the remission or mitigation of forfeitures; and

- (4) the compromise of claims;

shall apply to any forfeiture ordered, and to any case in which forfeiture is alleged to be authorized, under this section, unless such provisions are inconsistent with the purposes, policy, and provisions of this subchapter. The duties and powers imposed upon the Commissioner of Customs or other persons under such provisions shall, with respect to this subchapter, be performed by officers or other persons designated for such purpose by the Secretary.

**(d) Bond or other security; disposal of seized fish**

(1) Any officer authorized to serve any process in rem which is issued by a court having jurisdiction under section 773i(d) of this title shall—

- (A) stay the execution of such process; or
- (B) discharge any fish seized pursuant to such process;

upon the receipt of a satisfactory bond or other security from any person claiming such property. Such bond or other security shall be conditioned upon such person delivering such property to the appropriate court upon order thereof, without any impairment of its value, or paying the monetary value of such property pursuant to an order of such court. Judgment shall be recoverable on such bond or other security against both the principal and any sureties in the event that any condition thereof is breached, as determined by such court.

(2) Any fish seized pursuant to this subchapter may be disposed of pursuant to the order of a court of competent jurisdiction or, if perishable, in a manner prescribed by regulations of the Secretary or the Secretary of the department in which the Coast Guard is operating.

**(e) Presumption of violation**

For purposes of this section, it shall be a rebuttable presumption that all fish found on board a fishing vessel which is seized in connection with an act prohibited by section 773e of this title were taken or retained in violation of the Convention and this subchapter.

(Pub. L. 97-176, §10, May 17, 1982, 96 Stat. 81.)

## TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

For transfer of functions, personnel, assets, and liabilities of the United States Customs Service of the Department of the Treasury, including functions of the Secretary of the Treasury relating thereto, to the Secretary of Homeland Security, and for treatment of related references, see sections 203(1), 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.

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.

**§ 773i. Administration and enforcement****(a) Secretary of Commerce and Secretary of department in which Coast Guard is operating**

The Convention, this subchapter, and any regulation adopted under this subchapter, shall be

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enforced by the Secretary and the Secretary of the department in which the Coast Guard is operating. Such Secretaries may, by agreement, on a reimbursable basis or otherwise, utilize the personnel, services, equipment (including aircraft and vessels), and facilities of any other Federal agency, and of any State agency, in the performance of such duties.

**(b) Arrest, search and inspection, seizure; execution of warrants or other process**

Any officer who is authorized by the Secretary, the Secretary of the department in which the Coast Guard is operating, or the head of any Federal or State agency which has entered into an agreement with such Secretaries under subsection (a) of this section to enforce the Convention, this subchapter or any regulation adopted under this subchapter may—

(1) with or without a warrant or other process—

(A) arrest any person, if he has reasonable cause to believe that such person has committed an act prohibited by section 773e of this title;

(B) board, and search or inspect, any fishing vessel which is subject to this subchapter;

(C) at reasonable times enter, and search or inspect, shoreside facilities in which fish taken subject to this subchapter are processed, packed or held;

(D) seize any fishing vessel (together with its fishing gear, furniture, appurtenances, stores, and cargo) used or employed in, or with respect to which it reasonably appears that such vessel was used or employed in, an act prohibited by section 773e of this title;

(E) seize any fish (wherever found) taken or retained in the course of an act prohibited by section 773e of this title, or the proceeds of the sale of such fish; and

(F) seize any other evidence related to an act prohibited by section 773e of this title;

(2) execute any warrant or other process issued by any court of competent jurisdiction; and

(3) exercise any other lawful authority.

**(c) Citation of owner or operator of offending vessel**

If any officer authorized to enforce this subchapter (as provided for in this section) finds that a fishing vessel is operating or has been operated in the commission of an act prohibited by section 773e of this title, such officer may, in accordance with regulations issued jointly by the Secretary and the Secretary of the department in which the Coast Guard is operating, issue a citation to the owner or operator of such vessel in lieu of proceeding under subsection (b) of this section. If a permit has been issued pursuant to this subchapter for such vessel, such officer shall note the issuance of any citation under this subsection, including the date thereof and the reason therefor, on the permit. The Secretary shall maintain a record of all citations issued pursuant to this subsection.

**(d) United States district court jurisdiction**

The district courts of the United States shall have exclusive jurisdiction over any case or con-

troversy arising under this subchapter. Any such court 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 interest of justice.

**(e) Witnesses; records and files**

When requested by the appropriate authorities of Canada, officers or employees of the Coast Guard, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration or any other agency of the United States may be directed to attend as a witness, and to produce such available records and files or duly certified copies thereof as may be necessary for the prosecution in Canada of any violation of the Convention or any Canadian law relating to the enforcement thereof.

**(f) Investigations by Secretary of Commerce; powers; process**

(1) In cooperation with such other agencies as may be appropriate, the Secretary may conduct or cause to be conducted such law enforcement investigations as are deemed necessary to carry out the purposes of this subchapter.

(2) For the purpose of all investigations which, in the opinion of the Secretary, are necessary and proper for the enforcement of this subchapter, the Secretary or any officer designated by him is empowered to administer oaths and affirmations, subpoena witnesses, take evidence, and require the production of any books, papers, or other documents which the Secretary deems relevant or material to the inquiry. Such attendance of witnesses and the production of such documentary evidence may be required from any place in the United States at any designated place or hearing.

(3) Process of the Secretary may be served by anyone duly authorized by him either—

(A) by delivering a copy thereof to the individual to be served, or to a member of the partnership to be served, or the president, secretary, or other executive officer or a director of the corporation to be served; or the agent designated for service of process;

(B) by leaving a copy thereof at the residence or the principal office or place of business of such individual, partnership, or corporation; or

(C) by mailing a copy thereof by registered or certified mail addressed to such individual, partnership, or corporation at his or its residence or principal office or place of business. The verified return by the individual so serving such complaint, order, or other process setting forth the manner of service shall be proof of same, and the returned post office receipt for such complaint, order, or other process mailed by registered or certified mail shall be proof of the service of the same.

(Pub. L. 97-176, § 11, May 17, 1982, 96 Stat. 82.)

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.

#### § 773j. Authorization of appropriations

There is hereby authorized to be appropriated for fiscal year 1983 and beyond, such sums as may be necessary for carrying out the Convention and this subchapter, including—

(a) necessary travel expenses of the United States Commissioners or alternate Commissioners; and

(b) the United States share of the joint expenses of the Commission: *Provided*, That the Commissioners shall not, with respect to commitments concerning the United States share of the joint expenses of the Commission, be subject to section 262(b)<sup>1</sup> of title 22 insofar as it limits the authority of United States representatives to international organizations with respect to such commitments.

(Pub. L. 97-176, §12, May 17, 1982, 96 Stat. 84.)

#### § 773k. Location of office space and other facilities on or near University of Washington campus in State of Washington

There are hereby authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary for the Secretary of State to provide for fiscal year 1983 and beyond, by contract, grant, or otherwise, facilities for office and any other necessary space for the Commission. Such facilities shall be located on or near the campus of the University of Washington in the State of Washington and shall be provided without regard to the cost-sharing provisions in the Convention.

(Pub. L. 97-176, §13, May 17, 1982, 96 Stat. 84.)

### CHAPTER 10A—SOCKEYE OR PINK SALMON FISHING

#### §§ 776 to 776f. Repealed. Pub. L. 99-5, §13, Mar. 15, 1985, 99 Stat. 15

Section 776, acts July 29, 1947, ch. 345, §2, 61 Stat. 511; July 11, 1957, Pub. L. 85-102, §§1-3, 71 Stat. 293, provided definitions for this chapter. See section 3631 et seq. of this title.

Section 776a, acts July 29, 1947, ch. 345, §3, 61 Stat. 511; July 11, 1957, Pub. L. 85-102, §3, 71 Stat. 294, related to unlawful acts by persons or vessels. See section 3631 et seq. of this title.

Section 776b, acts July 29, 1947, ch. 345, §4, 61 Stat. 512; July 11, 1957, Pub. L. 85-102, §3, 71 Stat. 294, related to penalties imposed for the omission of or fraudulent returns, records, and reports. See section 3631 et seq. of this title.

Section 776c, acts July 29, 1947, ch. 345, §5, 61 Stat. 512; July 11, 1957, Pub. L. 85-102, §3, 71 Stat. 294, related to penalties and forfeitures, and procedures involving violations. See section 3631 et seq. of this title.

Section 776d, acts July 29, 1947, ch. 345, §6, 61 Stat. 513; July 11, 1957, Pub. L. 85-102, §3, 71 Stat. 294; Oct. 17, 1968, Pub. L. 90-578, title IV, §402(b)(2), 82 Stat. 1118; 1970 Reorg. Plan No. 4, eff. Oct. 3, 1970, 35 F.R. 15627, 84 Stat. 2090, provided enforcement procedures for this chapter. See section 3631 et seq. of this title.

Section 776e, acts July 29, 1947, ch. 345, §7, 61 Stat. 514; July 11, 1957, Pub. L. 85-102, §4, 71 Stat. 294, related

to the cooperation of Federal agencies and the conduct of scientific investigations. See section 3631 et seq. of this title.

Section 776f, acts July 29, 1947, ch. 345, §8, 61 Stat. 514; Oct. 18, 1972, Pub. L. 92-504, 86 Stat. 907, related to authorizations. See section 3631 et seq. of this title.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF REPEAL

Pub. L. 99-5, §13, Mar. 15, 1985, 99 Stat. 15, provided that the repeal of this chapter is effective Dec. 31, 1985.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE

Act July 29, 1947, ch. 345, §10, 61 Stat. 514, which provided that this Act [this chapter] shall be effective thirty days from the date of its approval [July 29, 1947], was repealed by Pub. L. 99-5, §13, Mar. 15, 1985, 99 Stat. 15.

#### SHORT TITLE

Act July 29, 1947, ch. 345, §1, 61 Stat. 511, as amended by Pub. L. 85-102, §3, July 11, 1957, 71 Stat. 294, which provided that this Act [this chapter] may be cited as the "Sockeye Salmon or Pink Salmon Fishing Act of 1947", was repealed by Pub. L. 99-5, §13, Mar. 15, 1985, 99 Stat. 15.

#### SAVINGS PROVISION

Act July 29, 1947, ch. 345, §9, 61 Stat. 514, which provided that if any provision of this Act [this chapter] is held invalid for any cause, such invalidity shall not affect the other provisions hereof, was repealed by Pub. L. 99-5, §13, Mar. 15, 1985, 99 Stat. 15.

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#### § 777. Federal-State relationships

##### (a) Cooperation between Federal Government and State fish and game departments; expenditure of funds

The Secretary of the Interior is authorized and directed to cooperate with the States through their respective State fish and game departments in fish restoration and management projects as hereinafter set forth: No money apportioned under this chapter to any State, except as hereinafter provided, shall be expended therein until its legislature, or other State agency authorized by the State constitution to

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