

(Pub. L. 94-70, §12, as added Pub. L. 104-43, title III, §308, Nov. 3, 1995, 109 Stat. 387; amended Pub. L. 105-384, title II, §202(b)(1)(E), Nov. 13, 1998, 112 Stat. 3453.)

AMENDMENTS

1998—Pub. L. 105-384 made technical amendment to style of heading and section designation in original act.

CHAPTER 16B—EASTERN PACIFIC TUNA FISHING

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§ 972. Definitions

As used in this chapter—

(1) The term “Agreement” means the Eastern Pacific Ocean Tuna Fishing Agreement, signed in San Jose, Costa Rica, March 15, 1983.

(2) The term “Agreement Area” means the area within a perimeter determined as follows: From the point on the mainland where the parallel of 40 degrees north latitude intersects the coast westward along the parallel of 40 degrees north latitude to 40 degrees north latitude by 125 degrees west longitude, thence southerly along the meridian of 125 degrees west longitude to 20 degrees north latitude by 125 degrees west longitude, thence easterly along the parallel of 20 degrees north latitude to 20 degrees north latitude by 120 degrees west longitude, thence southerly along the meridian of 120 degrees west longitude to 5 degrees north latitude by 120 degrees west longitude, thence easterly along the parallel of 5 degrees north latitude to 5 degrees north latitude by 110 degrees west longitude, thence southerly along the meridian of 110 degrees west longitude to 10 degrees south latitude by 110 degrees west longitude, thence easterly along the parallel of 10 degrees south latitude to 10 degrees south latitude by 90 degrees west longitude, thence southerly along the meridian of 90 degrees west longitude to 30 degrees south latitude by 90 degrees west longitude, thence easterly along the parallel of 30 degrees south latitude to the point on the mainland where the parallel intersects the coast; but the Agreement Area does not include the zones within twelve nautical miles of the baseline from which the breadth of territorial sea is measured and the zones within two hundred nautical miles of the baselines of Coastal States not signatories to the Agreement, measured from the same baseline.

(3) The term “designated species of tuna” means yellowfin tuna, *Thunnus albacares* (Bonnaterre, 1788); bigeye tuna, *Thunnus obesus* (Lowe, 1839); albacore tuna, *Thunnus alalunga* (Bonnaterre, 1788); northern bluefin tuna, *Thunnus thynnus* (Linnaeus, 1758); southern bluefin tuna, *Thunnus maccoyl* (Castelnau, 1872); skipjack tuna, *Katsuwonus pelamis* (Linnaeus¹ 1578); black skipjack, *Euthynnus Lineatus* (Kishinouye¹ 1920); kawakawa, *Euthynnus affinis* (Cantor, 1849); bullet tuna, *Auxis rochei* (Risso, 1810),² frigate tuna, *Ausix³ thazard* (Lacepede, 1800); eastern Pacific bonito, *Sarda chiliensis* (Cuvier in Cuvier and Valenciennes, 1831); and Indo-Pacific bonito, *Sarda orientalis* (Temminck and Schlegel, 1844).

(4) The term “Council” means the body consisting of the representatives from each Contracting Party to the Agreement which is a Coastal State of the eastern Pacific Ocean or a member of the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission at the time of entry into force of the Agreement.

(Pub. L. 98-445, §2, Oct. 4, 1984, 98 Stat. 1715.)

SHORT TITLE

Pub. L. 98-445, §1, Oct. 4, 1984, 98 Stat. 1715, provided: “That this Act [enacting this chapter] may be cited as the ‘Eastern Pacific Tuna Licensing Act of 1984.’”

TERRITORIAL SEA OF UNITED STATES

For extension of territorial sea of United States, see Proc. No. 5928, set out as a note under section 1331 of Title 43, Public Lands.

§ 972a. United States representation on the Council

(a) Appointment by Secretary of State

The Secretary of State—

(1) shall appoint a United States representative to the Council; and

(2) may appoint not more than three alternate United States representatives to the Council.

(b) Qualification

An individual is not eligible for appointment as, or to serve as, the United States representative under subsection (a)(1) of this section unless the individual is an officer or employee of the United States Government.

(c) Compensation

An individual is not entitled to compensation for serving as the United States representative or an alternate United States representative.

(d) Travel expenses

While away from home or a regular place of business in the performance of service as the United States representative or an alternate United States representative, an individual is entitled to travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, in the same manner as individuals employed intermittently in Government service are allowed expenses under section 5703(b)¹ of title 5.

(Pub. L. 98-445, §3, Oct. 4, 1984, 98 Stat. 1716.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

Section 5703 of title 5, referred to in subsec. (d), was amended generally by Pub. L. 94-22, §4, May 19, 1975, 89 Stat. 85, and, as so amended, does not contain a subsec. (b).

§ 972b. Secretary of State to act for United States

The Secretary of State shall receive, on behalf of the United States Government, reports, re-

² So in original. The comma probably should be a semicolon.

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¹ See References in Text note below.

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quests, recommendations and other communications of the Council, and, in consultation with the Secretary of Commerce, shall act directly thereon or by reference to the appropriate authorities.

(Pub. L. 98-445, § 4, Oct. 4, 1984, 98 Stat. 1716.)

§ 972c. Application to other laws

(a) Notwithstanding section 4 of the Fishermen's Protective Act of 1967 [22 U.S.C. 1974], such Act [22 U.S.C. 1971 et seq.] applies with respect to a seizure by a Contracting Party to the Agreement of a vessel of the United States within the Agreement Area for violation of the Agreement if the Secretary of State determines that the violation is not of such seriousness as to diminish the effectiveness of the Agreement.

(b) The seizure by a Contracting Party to the Agreement of a vessel of the United States shall not be considered to be a seizure described in section 1825(a)(4)(C) of this title if the seizure is consistent with the Agreement.

(Pub. L. 98-445, § 5, Oct. 4, 1984, 98 Stat. 1716; Pub. L. 104-208, div. A, title I, § 101(a) [title II, § 211(b)], Sept. 30, 1996, 110 Stat. 3009, 3009-41.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Fishermen's Protective Act of 1967, referred to in subsec. (a), is act Aug. 27, 1954, ch. 1018, 68 Stat. 883, as amended, which is classified generally to chapter 25 (§ 1971 et seq.) of Title 22, Foreign Relations and Intercourse. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 1971 of Title 22 and Tables.

AMENDMENTS

1996—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 104-208 made technical amendment to reference in original act which appears in text as reference to section 1825(a)(4)(C) of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1996 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 104-208, div. A, title I, § 101(a) [title II, § 211(b)], Sept. 30, 1996, 110 Stat. 3009, 3009-41, provided that the amendment made by that section is effective 15 days after Oct. 11, 1996.

§ 972d. Disposition of fees

All fees accruing to the United States under Article III of the Agreement shall be deposited into the Treasury of the United States.

(Pub. L. 98-445, § 6, Oct. 4, 1984, 98 Stat. 1716.)

§ 972e. Regulations

The Secretary of Commerce, in cooperation with the Secretary of State and the Secretary of the department in which the Coast Guard is operating, shall issue such regulations as may be necessary to carry out the purposes and objectives of the Agreement and this chapter. Regulations may be made applicable as necessary to all persons and vessels subject to the jurisdiction of the United States, wherever located. Regulations concerning the conservation of a designated species of tuna may be issued only to implement conservation recommendations made by the Council under Article 3(D) of the Agreement.

(Pub. L. 98-445, § 7, Oct. 4, 1984, 98 Stat. 1716.)

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.

§ 972f. Prohibited acts

(a) Unlawful acts

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

(1) to engage in fishing for a designated species of tuna within the Agreement Area unless issued a license under the Agreement authorizing such fishing;

(2) to engage in fishing for a designated species of tuna within the Agreement area¹ in contravention of regulations promulgated by the Secretary of Commerce under the Agreement;

(3) knowingly to ship, transport, purchase, sell, offer for sale, export, or have in custody, possession, or control any designated species of tuna taken or retained in violation of regulations issued under section 972e of this title;

(4) to fail to make, keep, or furnish any catch return, statistical record, or other report required by regulations issued under section 972e of this title;

(5) being a person in charge of a vessel of the United States, to fail to stop upon being hailed by an authorized official of the United States, or to refuse to permit officials of the United States to board the vessel or inspect its catch, equipment, books, documents, records, or other articles, or to question individuals on board; or

(6) to import from any country, in violation of any regulation issued under section 972e of this title, any designated species of tuna.

(b) Penalties

Any person who is convicted of violating—

(1) subsection (a)(1), (a)(2), or (a)(3) of this section shall be fined or assessed a civil penalty not more than \$25,000, and for a subsequent violation shall be fined or assessed a civil penalty not more than \$50,000;

(2) subsection (a)(4) or (a)(5) of this section shall be fined or assessed a civil penalty not more than \$5,000, and for a subsequent violation shall be fined or assessed a civil penalty not more than \$5,000; or

(3) subsection (a)(6) of this section shall be fined or assessed a civil penalty not more than \$100,000.

(c) Forfeiture

All designated species of tuna taken or retained in violation of subsection (a)(1), (2), (3), or (6) of this section, or the monetary value thereof, is subject to forfeiture.

(d) Application of laws relating to seizures and forfeitures

All provisions of law relating to the seizure, judicial forfeiture, and condemnation of a cargo for violation of the customs laws, the disposition of such cargo or the proceeds from the sale

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