

§ 1152. Prohibitions

It is unlawful, except as provided in this chapter or by regulation of the Secretary, for any person or vessel subject to the jurisdiction of the United States to engage in the taking of fur seals in the North Pacific Ocean or on lands or waters under the jurisdiction of the United States, or to use any port or harbor or other place under the jurisdiction of the United States for any purpose connected in any way with such taking, or for any person to transport, import, offer for sale, or possess at any port or place or on any vessel, subject to the jurisdiction of the United States, fur seals or the parts thereof, including, but not limited to, raw, dressed, or dyed fur seal skins, taken contrary to the provisions of this chapter or the Convention, or for any person subject to the jurisdiction of the United States to refuse to permit, except within the Exclusive Economic Zone of the United States, a duly authorized official of Canada, Japan, or Russia to board and search any vessel which is outfitted for the harvesting of living marine resources and which is subject to the jurisdiction of the United States to determine whether such vessel is engaged in sealing contrary to the provisions of said Convention.

(Pub. L. 89-702, title I, § 102, Nov. 2, 1966, 80 Stat. 1091; Pub. L. 98-129, § 2, Oct. 14, 1983, 97 Stat. 836; Pub. L. 103-199, title VI, § 602(2), Dec. 17, 1993, 107 Stat. 2327.)

AMENDMENTS

1993—Pub. L. 103-199 substituted “Russia” for “the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics”.

1983—Pub. L. 98-129 amended section generally, substituting provisions enumerating the activities prohibited under this chapter, which were previously contained in section 1151 of this title, for provisions authorizing sealing by Aleuts, Eskimos, and Indians. See section 1153 of this title.

§ 1153. Sealing permitted by Aleuts, Eskimos, and Indians

(a) Indians, Aleuts, and Eskimos who dwell on the coasts of the North Pacific Ocean are permitted to take fur seals and dispose of their skins after the skins have been officially marked and certified by a person authorized by the Secretary: *Provided*, That the seals are taken for subsistence uses as defined in section 1379(f)(2) of this title, and only in canoes not transported by or used in connection with other vessels, and propelled entirely by oars, paddles, or sails, and manned by not more than five persons each, in the way hitherto practiced and without the use of firearms. This authority shall not apply to Indians, Aleuts, and Eskimos while they are employed by any person for the purpose of taking fur seals or are under contract to deliver the skins to any person.

(b) Indians, Aleuts, and Eskimos who live on the Pribilof Islands are authorized to take fur seals for subsistence purposes as defined in section 1379(f)(2) of this title, under such conditions as recommended by the Commission and accepted by the Secretary of State pursuant to regulations promulgated by the Secretary.

(Pub. L. 89-702, title I, § 103, Nov. 2, 1966, 80 Stat. 1091; Pub. L. 98-129, § 2, Oct. 14, 1983, 97 Stat. 836.)

AMENDMENTS

1983—Pub. L. 98-129 amended section generally, substituting provisions authorizing sealing by Aleuts, Eskimos, and Indians, which were previously contained in section 1152 of this title, for provisions authorizing scientific research on fur seal resources. See section 1154 of this title.

§ 1154. Scientific research on fur seal resources; use of fur seals for educational, scientific, or exhibition purposes

The Secretary shall (1) conduct such scientific research and investigations on the fur seal resources of the North Pacific Ocean as he deems necessary to carry out the obligations of the United States under the Convention, and (2) permit, subject to such terms and conditions as he deems desirable, the taking, transportation, importation, exportation, or possession of fur seals or their parts for educational, scientific, or exhibition purposes.

(Pub. L. 89-702, title I, § 104, Nov. 2, 1966, 80 Stat. 1091; Pub. L. 98-129, § 2, Oct. 14, 1983, 97 Stat. 836.)

AMENDMENTS

1983—Pub. L. 98-129 amended section generally, substituting provisions authorizing scientific research on fur seal resources, which were previously contained in section 1153 of this title, for provisions delineating the authority of the Secretary of Commerce. See section 1155 of this title.

§ 1155. Authority of Secretary of Commerce**(a) Regulations with respect to taking of fur seals on Pribilof Islands and on lands subject to United States jurisdiction**

The Secretary shall prescribe such regulations with respect to the taking of fur seals on the Pribilof Islands and on lands subject to the jurisdiction of the United States as he deems necessary and appropriate for the conservation, management, and protection of the fur seal population, and to dispose of any fur seals seized or forfeited pursuant to this chapter, and to carry out the provisions of the Convention, and shall deliver to authorized agents of the parties such fur seal skins as the parties are entitled to under the Convention.

(b) Agreements with public and private entities

The Secretary is authorized to enter into agreements with any public or private agency or person for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of the Convention and of this subchapter, including but not limited to the taking of fur seals on the Pribilof Islands, and the curing and marketing of the sealskins and other seal parts, and may retain the proceeds therefrom.

(c) Taking of fur seals on Saint Paul and Saint George Islands; preference; separate fund in Treasury

The Secretary shall give preference to the village corporations of Saint Paul and Saint George Islands established pursuant to section 1607 of title 43 for the taking of fur seals on the village corporations' respective islands, and the curing and marketing of the sealskins and other seal parts, and may retain the proceeds therefrom. Any proceeds therefrom will be deposited in a separate fund in the Treasury and will be