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SUBCHAPTER I—IMPLEMENTATION OF
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§ 5701. Purposes

It is the purpose of this subchapter—

(1) to implement the interim agreement for the conservation of salmon stocks originating from the Yukon River in Canada agreed to through an exchange of notes between the Government of the United States and the Government of Canada on February 3, 1995;

(2) to provide for representation by the United States on the Yukon River Panel established under such agreement; and

(3) to authorize to be appropriated sums necessary to carry out the responsibilities of the United States under such agreement.

(Pub. L. 104-43, title VII, §702, Nov. 3, 1995, 109 Stat. 392.)

SHORT TITLE OF 2004 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 108-219, title III, §301, Apr. 13, 2004, 118 Stat. 616, provided that: “This title [amending section 5727 of this title and section 1977 of Title 22, Foreign Relations and Intercourse] may be cited as the ‘International Fisheries Reauthorization Act of 2004’.”

SHORT TITLE

Pub. L. 104-43, title VII, §701, Nov. 3, 1995, 109 Stat. 392, provided that: “This title [enacting this subchapter] may be cited as the ‘Yukon River Salmon Act of 1995’.”

Pub. L. 106-450, title II, §201, Nov. 7, 2000, 114 Stat. 1941, provided that: “This title [enacting subchapter II of this chapter] may be cited as the ‘Yukon River Salmon Act of 2000’.”

§ 5702. Definitions

As used in this subchapter—

(1) The term “Agreement” means the interim agreement for the conservation of salmon stocks originating from the Yukon River in Canada agreed to through an exchange of notes between the Government of the United States and the Government of Canada on February 3, 1995.

(2) The term “Panel” means the Yukon River Panel established by the Agreement.

(3) The term “Yukon River Joint Technical Committee” means the technical committee established by paragraph C.2 of the Memorandum of Understanding concerning the Pacific Salmon Treaty between the Government of the United States and the Government of Canada recorded January 28, 1985.

(Pub. L. 104-43, title VII, §703, Nov. 3, 1995, 109 Stat. 393.)

§ 5703. Panel

(a) Representation

The United States shall be represented on the Panel by six individuals, of whom—

(1) one shall be an official of the United States Government with expertise in salmon conservation and management;

(2) one shall be an official of the State of Alaska with expertise in salmon conservation and management; and

(3) four shall be knowledgeable and experienced with regard to the salmon fisheries on the Yukon River.

(b) Appointments

Panel members shall be appointed as follows:

(1) The Panel member described in subsection (a)(1) of this section shall be appointed by the Secretary of State.

(2) The Panel member described in subsection (a)(2) of this section shall be appointed by the Governor of Alaska.

(3) The Panel members described in subsection (a)(3) of this section shall be appointed by the Secretary of State from a list of at least 3 individuals nominated for each position by the Governor of Alaska. The Governor of Alaska may consider suggestions for nominations provided by organizations with expertise in Yukon River salmon fisheries. The Governor of Alaska may make appropriate nominations to allow for, and the Secretary of State shall appoint, at least one member under subsection (a)(3) of this section who is qualified to represent the interests of Lower Yukon River fishing districts, and at least one member who is qualified to represent the interests of Upper Yukon River fishing districts. At least one of the Panel members under subsection (a)(3) of this section shall be an Alaska Native.

(c) Alternates

The Secretary of State may designate an alternate Panel member for each Panel member the Secretary appoints under subsections¹ (b)(1) and (3) of this section, who meets the same qualifications, to serve in the absence of the Panel member. The Governor of the State of Alaska may designate an alternative Panel member for the Panel member appointed under subsection (b)(2) of this section, who meets the same qualifications, to serve in the absence of that Panel member.

(d) Term length

Panel members and alternate Panel members shall serve four-year terms. Any individual appointed to fill a vacancy occurring before the expiration of any term shall be appointed for the remainder of that term.

(e) Reappointment

Panel members and alternate Panel members shall be eligible for reappointment.

(f) Decisions

Decisions by the United States section of the Panel shall be made by the consensus of the

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