

SHORT TITLE OF 1983 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 98-129, §1, Oct. 14, 1983, 97 Stat. 835, provided: "That this Act [amending this chapter generally, sections 8332 and 8334 of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees, and section 450i of Title 25, Indians] may be cited as the 'Fur Seal Act Amendments of 1983'."

SHORT TITLE

Pub. L. 89-702, §1, as added by Pub. L. 106-554, §1(a)(4) [div. B, title I, §144(e)(6)(C)], Dec. 21, 2000, 114 Stat. 2763, 2763A-248, and Pub. L. 106-562, title I, §106(c), Dec. 23, 2000, 114 Stat. 2799, provided that: "This Act [generally enacting this chapter, for complete classification, see Tables] may be cited as the 'Fur Seal Act of 1966'."

§ 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.)

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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.)

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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 available to the Secretary, subject to appropriations, for the purpose of this section. All seal harvests will be financed, to the extent possible, from proceeds collected in preceding years or unsold assets retained from harvests conducted in preceding years. In the event that such assets and proceeds are insufficient, as determined by the Secretary, to finance the seal harvest in accordance with the requirements of the Convention, there are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary for fiscal year 1984, and for fiscal year 1985 and beyond if the Convention is extended by protocol signed by the parties and made effective as to the United States, such sums as may be necessary to carry out the harvest and curing on the Pribilof Islands. Such amounts as are determined by the Secretary to exceed amounts required to carry out this section shall be transferred to the General Fund of the Treasury.

(Pub. L. 89-702, title I, § 105, Nov. 2, 1966, 80 Stat. 1092; Pub. L. 98-129, § 2, Oct. 14, 1983, 97 Stat. 836.)

AMENDMENTS

1983—Pub. L. 98-129 amended section generally, substituting provisions delineating the authority of the Secretary of Commerce, which were previously contained in sections 1154 and 1185 of this title, for provisions which had set out enforcement steps. See section 1156 of this title.

§ 1156. Enforcement provisions

(a) Search of vessels; certificate of identification; exhibition to master

Any person authorized to enforce the provisions of this chapter who has reasonable cause to believe that any vessel outfitted for the harvesting of living marine resources and subject to the jurisdiction of any of the parties to the Convention is violating the provisions of article III of the Convention may, except within the areas in which another State exercises fisheries jurisdiction, board and search such vessel. Such person shall carry a special certificate of identification issued by the Secretary or Secretary of the department in which the Coast Guard is operating which shall be in English, Japanese, and Russian and which shall be exhibited to the master of the vessel upon request.

(b) Seizure; arrest; notice; delivery of vessel or person to authorized officials; custody

If, after boarding and searching such vessel, such person continues to have reasonable cause to believe that such vessel, or any person on-board, is violating said article, he may seize

such vessel or arrest such person, or both. The Secretary of State shall, as soon as practicable, notify the party having jurisdiction over the vessel or person of such seizure or arrest.

The Secretary or the Secretary of the department in which the Coast Guard is operating, upon request of the Secretary of State, shall deliver the seized vessel or arrested person, or both, as promptly as practicable to the authorized officials of said party: *Provided*, That whenever said party cannot immediately accept such delivery, the Secretary or the Secretary of the department in which the Coast Guard is operating may, upon the request of the Secretary of State, keep the vessel or person in custody within the United States.

(c) Testimony of enforcement agents

At the request of said party, the Secretary or the Secretary of the department in which the Coast Guard is operating, shall direct the person authorized to enforce the provisions of this chapter to attend the trial as a witness in any case arising under said article or give testimony by deposition, and shall produce such records and files or copies thereof as may be necessary to establish the offense.

(Pub. L. 89-702, title I, § 106, Nov. 2, 1966, 80 Stat. 1092; Pub. L. 98-129, § 2, Oct. 14, 1983, 97 Stat. 837.)

AMENDMENTS

1983—Pub. L. 98-129 amended section generally, substituting provisions setting out enforcement steps, which were previously contained in section 1155 of this title, for provisions establishing the North Pacific Fur Seal Commission. See section 1157 of this title.

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.

§ 1157. North Pacific Fur Seal Commission; appointment of United States Commissioner, Deputy Commissioner, and Advisors; duties, compensation, and travel expenses

The President shall appoint to the Commission a United States Commissioner who shall serve at the pleasure of the President. The President may appoint one Native from each of the two inhabited Pribilof Islands to serve as Advisors to the Commissioner and as liaisons between the Commissioner and the Natives of the Pribilof Islands. The President may also appoint other interested parties as Advisors to the Commissioner. Such Advisors shall serve at the pleasure of the President. The President may also appoint a Deputy United States Commissioner who shall serve at the pleasure of the President. The Deputy Commissioner shall be the principal adviser of the Commissioner, and shall perform the duties of the Commissioner in the case of his death, resignation, absence, or illness. The Commissioner, the Deputy Commissioner, and the Advisors shall receive no compensation for their services. The Commissioners