

(f) The term “lands beneath navigable waters” does not include the beds of streams in lands now or heretofore constituting a part of the public lands of the United States if such streams were not meandered in connection with the public survey of such lands under the laws of the United States and if the title to the beds of such streams was lawfully patented or conveyed by the United States or any State to any person;

(g) The term “State” means any State of the Union;

(h) The term “person” includes, in addition to a natural person, an association, a State, a political subdivision of a State, or a private, public, or municipal corporation.

(May 22, 1953, ch. 65, title I, § 2, 67 Stat. 29; Pub. L. 99-272, title VIII, § 8005, Apr. 7, 1986, 100 Stat. 151.)

#### AMENDMENTS

1986—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 99-272 inserted “, except that any boundary between a State and the United States under this subchapter or subchapter II of this chapter which has been or is hereafter fixed by coordinates under a final decree of the United States Supreme Court shall remain immobilized at the coordinates provided under such decree and shall not be amulatory”.

#### SHORT TITLE OF 1995 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 104-58, title III, § 301, Nov. 28, 1995, 109 Stat. 563, provided that: “This title [amending section 1337 of this title and enacting provisions set out as notes under section 1337 of this title] may be referred to as the ‘Outer Continental Shelf Deep Water Royalty Relief Act’.”

#### SHORT TITLE OF 1986 AMENDMENTS

Pub. L. 99-367, § 1, July 31, 1986, 100 Stat. 774, provided: “That this Act [enacting section 1865 of this title, amending section 1343 of this title, and repealing section 1861 of this title] may be referred to as the ‘OCS Paperwork and Reporting Act’.”

Pub. L. 99-272, title VIII, § 8001, Apr. 7, 1986, 100 Stat. 147, provided that: “This title [amending this section and sections 1332 and 1337 of this title and enacting provisions set out as a note under section 1337 of this title] may be referred to as the ‘Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act Amendments of 1985’.”

#### SHORT TITLE

Act Aug. 7, 1953, ch. 345, § 1, 67 Stat. 462, provided that: “This Act [enacting subchapter III of this chapter] may be cited as the ‘Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act’.”

Act May 22, 1953, ch. 65, § 1, 67 Stat. 29, provided that: “This Act [enacting subchapters I and II of this chapter] may be cited as the ‘Submerged Lands Act’.”

#### SEPARABILITY

Act May 22, 1953, ch. 65, title II, § 11, 67 Stat. 33, provided that: “If any provision of this Act [enacting subchapters I and II of this chapter], or any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or individual word, or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the validity of the remainder of the Act and of the application of any such provision, section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or individual word to other persons and circumstances shall not be affected thereby; without limiting the generality of the foregoing, if subsection 3(a)1, 3(a)2, 3(b)1, 3(b)2, 3(b)3, or 3(c) [section 1311(a)(1), (a)(2), (b)(1), (b)(2), (b)(3), (c) of this title] or any provision of any of those subsections is held invalid, such subsection or provision shall be held separable and the remaining subsections and provisions shall not be affected thereby.”

#### NAVAL PETROLEUM RESERVE

Act May 22, 1953, ch. 65, title II, § 10, 67 Stat. 33, revoked Ex. Ord. No. 10426, Jan. 16, 1953, 18 F.R. 405, “insofar as it applies to any lands beneath navigable waters as defined in section 2 hereof [this section]”. Ex. Ord. 10426 set aside certain submerged lands as a naval petroleum reserve and transferred functions with respect thereto from the Secretary of the Interior to the Secretary of the Navy.

#### APPLICATION TO STATE OF ALASKA

Admission of Alaska into the Union was accomplished Jan. 3, 1959, on issuance of Proc. No. 3269, Jan. 3, 1959, 24 F.R. 81, 73 Stat. c16, as required by sections 1 and 8(c) of Pub. L. 85-508, July 7, 1958, 72 Stat. 339, set out as notes preceding section 21 of Title 48, Territories and Insular Possessions.

Applicability of subchapters I and II of this chapter to the State of Alaska, see section 6(m) of Pub. L. 85-508, set out as a note preceding section 21 of Title 48.

#### APPLICATION TO STATE OF HAWAII

Applicability of this chapter to the State of Hawaii, see section 5(i) of Pub. L. 86-3, Mar. 18, 1959, 73 Stat. 6, set out as a note preceding section 491 of Title 48, Territories and Insular Possessions.

### § 1302. Resources seaward of Continental Shelf

Nothing in this subchapter or subchapter II of this chapter shall be deemed to affect in any wise the rights of the United States to the natural resources of that portion of the subsoil and seabed of the Continental Shelf lying seaward and outside of the area of lands beneath navigable waters, as defined in section 1301 of this title, all of which natural resources appertain to the United States, and the jurisdiction and control of which by the United States is confirmed.

(May 22, 1953, ch. 65, title II, § 9, 67 Stat. 32.)

### § 1303. Amendment, modification, or repeal of other laws

Nothing in this subchapter or subchapter II of this chapter shall be deemed to amend, modify, or repeal the Acts of July 26, 1866 (14 Stat. 251), July 9, 1870 (16 Stat. 217), March 3, 1877 (19 Stat. 377), June 17, 1902 (32 Stat. 388), and December 22, 1944 (58 Stat. 887), and Acts amendatory thereof or supplementary thereto.

(May 22, 1953, ch. 65, title II, § 7, 67 Stat. 32.)

#### REFERENCES IN TEXT

Act July 26, 1866 (14 Stat. 251), referred to in text, is act July 26, 1866, ch. 262, 14 Stat. 251, which is not classified to the Code.

Act July 9, 1870 (16 Stat. 217), referred to in text, is act July 9, 1870, ch. 235, 16 Stat. 217, which is not classified to the Code.

Act March 3, 1877 (19 Stat. 377), referred to in text, is act Mar. 3, 1877, ch. 107, 19 Stat. 377, as amended, popularly known as the Desert Lands Act, which is classified generally to sections 321 to 323, 325, and 327 to 329 of this title. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Tables.

Act June 17, 1902 (32 Stat. 388), referred to in text, is popularly known as the Reclamation Act, which is classified generally to chapter 12 (§ 371) of this title. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 371 of this title and Tables.

Act December 22, 1944 (58 Stat. 887), referred to in text, is act Dec. 22, 1944, ch. 665, 58 Stat. 887, as amended, which enacted section 390 of this title, sections 4600 and 825s of Title 16, Conservation, and sections 701-1,