

Bureau of Fisheries and Bureau of Biological Survey with their respective functions into one agency in Department of the Interior to be known as Fish and Wildlife Service, and provided that functions of the consolidated agency shall be administered under direction and supervision of Secretary of the Interior.

Reorg. Plan No. II of 1930, set out in the Appendix to Title 5, transferred Bureau of Fisheries in Department of Commerce and its functions to Department of the Interior, to be administered under direction and supervision of Secretary of the Interior.

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FINDINGS

Pub. L. 113-23, § 2, Aug. 9, 2013, 127 Stat. 493, provided that: “Congress finds that—

- “(1) the hydropower industry currently employs approximately 300,000 workers across the United States;
- “(2) hydropower is the largest source of clean, renewable electricity in the United States;
- “(3) as of the date of enactment of this Act [Aug. 9, 2013], hydropower resources, including pumped storage facilities, provide—
  - “(A) nearly 7 percent of the electricity generated in the United States; and
  - “(B) approximately 100,000 megawatts of electric capacity in the United States;
- “(4) only 3 percent of the 80,000 dams in the United States generate electricity, so there is substantial potential for adding hydropower generation to non-powered dams; and
- “(5) according to one study, by utilizing currently untapped resources, the United States could add approximately 60,000 megawatts of new hydropower capacity by 2025, which could create 700,000 new jobs over the next 13 years.”

SUBCHAPTER I—REGULATION OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF WATER POWER AND RESOURCES

CODIFICATION

Section 212 of act of Aug. 26, 1935, ch. 687, 49 Stat. 847, provided that sections 1 to 29 of the Federal Water Power Act, as amended (sections 792, 793, 794 to 797, 798 to 818, 819, and 820 to 823 of this title) shall constitute part I of the act. Said section 212 also repealed sections 25 and 30 of the act (sections 819, 791 of this title). It also contained a proviso as follows: “That nothing in that Act, as amended, shall be construed to repeal or amend the provisions of the amendment to the Federal Water Power Act approved March 3, 1921 (41 Stat. 1353 [section 797a of this title]), or the provisions of any other Act relating to national parks and national monuments.”

**§ 791. Repealed. Aug. 26, 1935, ch. 687, title II, § 212, 49 Stat. 847**

Section, act June 10, 1920, ch. 285, § 30, 41 Stat. 1077, designated the act as The Federal Water Power Act.

**§ 791a. Short title**

This chapter may be cited as the “Federal Power Act”.

(June 10, 1920, ch. 285, pt. III, § 321, formerly § 320, as added Aug. 26, 1935, ch. 687, title II, § 213, 49 Stat. 863; renumbered Pub. L. 95-617, title II, § 212, Nov. 9, 1978, 92 Stat. 3148.)

CODIFICATION

Section was enacted as part of part III of the Federal Power Act, and not as part of part I of that Act which comprises this subchapter.

SHORT TITLE OF 2013 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 113-23, § 1(a), Aug. 9, 2013, 127 Stat. 493, provided that: “This Act [amending sections 798, 823a, and 2705 of this title and enacting provisions set out as notes preceding section 791 and under section 797 of this title] may be cited as the ‘Hydropower Regulatory Efficiency Act of 2013’.”

SHORT TITLE OF 1990 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 101-575, § 1, Nov. 15, 1990, 104 Stat. 2834, provided that: “This Act [enacting section 2243 of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare, amending sections 796 and 824a-3 of this title and sections 2014, 2061, 2201, and 2284 of Title 42, and enacting provisions set out as a note under section 796 of this title] may be cited as the ‘Solar, Wind, Waste, and Geothermal Power Production Incentives Act of 1990’.”

SHORT TITLE OF 1988 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 100-473, § 1, Oct. 6, 1988, 102 Stat. 2299, provided that: “This Act [amending section 824e of this title and enacting provisions set out as notes under section 824e of this title] may be cited as the ‘Regulatory Fairness Act’.”

SHORT TITLE OF 1986 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 99-495, § 1(a), Oct. 16, 1986, 100 Stat. 1243, provided that: “This Act [enacting sections 797b and 823b of this title, amending sections 797, 800, 802, 803, 807, 808, 817, 823a, 824a-3, and 824j of this title, and enacting provisions set out as notes under sections 797, 803, 823a, 824a-3, and 825h of this title] may be cited as the ‘Electric Consumers Protection Act of 1986’.”

**§ 792. Federal Power Commission; creation; number; appointment; term; qualifications; vacancies; quorum; chairman; salary; place of holding sessions**

A commission is created and established to be known as the Federal Power Commission (here-