

§ 715j. “Migratory birds” defined

For the purposes of this subchapter and the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (16 U.S.C. 703 et seq.), migratory birds are those defined as such by the treaty between the United States and Great Britain for the protection of migratory birds concluded August 16, 1916 (39 Stat. 1702), the treaty between the United States and the United Mexican States for the protection of migratory birds and game mammals concluded February 7, 1936 (50 Stat. 1311), the Convention between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Japan for the Protection of Migratory Birds and Birds in Danger of Extinction, and their Environment concluded March 4, 1972, and the Convention between the United States and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics for the Conservation of Migratory Birds and their Environment concluded November 19, 1976.

(Feb. 18, 1929, ch. 257, § 11, 45 Stat. 1224; Pub. L. 89-669, § 7(c), Oct. 15, 1966, 80 Stat. 930; Pub. L. 95-616, § 5(c), Nov. 8, 1978, 92 Stat. 3114.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Migratory Bird Treaty Act, referred to in text, is act July 3, 1918, ch. 128, 40 Stat. 755, as amended, which is classified generally to subchapter II (§ 703 et seq.) of this chapter. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see section 710 of this title and Tables.

AMENDMENTS

1978—Pub. L. 95-616 defined migratory birds for purposes of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act and to include those defined in the Convention of Mar. 4, 1972, concluded with Government of Japan and the Convention of Nov. 19, 1976, concluded with Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

1966—Pub. L. 89-669 inserted “(39 Stat. 1702)” and defined migratory birds to include those defined in the Treaty of Feb. 7, 1936 (50 Stat. 1311) with the United Mexican States.

§ 715k. Authorization of appropriations for purposes of subchapter; disposal; reservation protectors

For the acquisition, including the location, examination, and survey, of suitable areas of land, water, or land and water, for use as migratory bird reservations, and necessary expenses incident thereto, and for the administration, maintenance, and development of such areas and other preserves, reservations, or breeding grounds frequented by migratory birds and under the administration of the Secretary of the Interior, including the construction of dams, dikes, ditches, flumes, spillways, buildings, and other necessary improvements, and for the elimination of the loss of migratory birds from alkali poisoning, oil pollution of waters, or other causes, for cooperation with local authorities in wildlife conservation, for investigations and publications relating to North American birds, for personal services, printing, engraving, and issuance of circulars, posters, and other necessary matter and for the enforcement of the provisions of this subchapter, there are hereby authorized to be appropriated, in addition to all other amounts authorized by law to be appropriated, \$200,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1940, and for each fiscal year thereafter. No

part of any appropriation authorized by this section shall be used for payment of the salary, compensation, or expenses of any United States protector, except reservation protectors for the administration, maintenance and protection of such reservations and the birds thereon: *Provided*, That reservation protectors appointed under the provisions of this subchapter, shall be selected, when practicable, from qualified citizens of the State in which they are to be employed. The Secretary of the Interior is authorized and directed to make such expenditures and to employ such means, including personal services in the District of Columbia and elsewhere, as may be necessary to carry out the foregoing objects.

(Feb. 18, 1929, ch. 257, § 12, 45 Stat. 1224; 1939 Reorg. Plan No. II, § 4(f), eff. July 1, 1939, 4 F.R. 2731, 53 Stat. 1433; Pub. L. 89-669, § 7(a), Oct. 15, 1966, 80 Stat. 929.)

CODIFICATION

Provisions of this section which related to appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1930, to June 30, 1939, were omitted.

AMENDMENTS

1966—Pub. L. 89-669 substituted “grounds frequented by migratory birds” for “grounds frequented by migratory game birds”, and “United States protector” for “United States game protector”.

TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

Transfer of functions of Secretary of Agriculture to Secretary of the Interior by Reorg. Plan No. II of 1939, see Transfer of Functions note set out under section 715a of this title.

§ 715k-1. Expenditures for personal services

In the execution of this Act, the Secretary of the Interior is authorized to make such expenditures for personal services in the District of Columbia and elsewhere as he shall deem necessary.

(June 15, 1935, ch. 261, title VII, § 701, 49 Stat. 384; 1939 Reorg. Plan No. II, § 4(f), eff. July 1, 1939, 4 F.R. 2731, 53 Stat. 1433.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

This Act, referred to in text, probably means the act of June 15, 1935, ch. 261, 49 Stat. 378, as amended, which is classified in part to certain sections of this subchapter and of subchapter IV of this chapter. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Tables.

CODIFICATION

Act June 15, 1935, in addition to the provisions set out in the text, made an appropriation for the acquisition of lands necessary to provide for the restoration, rehabilitation and protection of migratory waterfowl and other wildlife and for the erection and construction of necessary buildings, dikes, dams, canals, and other works.

Section was not enacted as part of the Migratory Bird Conservation Act which comprises this subchapter.

TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

Transfer of functions of Secretary of Agriculture to Secretary of the Interior by Reorg. Plan No. II of 1939, see Transfer of Functions note set out under section 715a of this title.

§ 715k-2. Omitted

CODIFICATION

Section, acts June 29, 1937, ch. 404, title I, 50 Stat. 421; June 16, 1938, ch. 464, title I, 52 Stat. 736; June 30, 1939, ch. 253, title I, 53 Stat. 965, made an earlier specific appropriation available for maintenance and operation of motor-propelled passenger-carrying vehicles.

§ 715k-3. Authorization of appropriations for the preservation of wetlands and other waterfowl habitat

In order to promote the conservation of migratory waterfowl and to offset or prevent the serious loss of important wetlands and other waterfowl habitat essential to the preservation of such waterfowl, there is authorized to be appropriated for the period beginning on July 1, 1961, and ending when all amounts authorized to be appropriated have been expended, not to exceed \$200,000,000.

(Pub. L. 87-383, §1, Oct. 4, 1961, 75 Stat. 813; Pub. L. 90-205, §1(a), Dec. 15, 1967, 81 Stat. 612; Pub. L. 94-215, §2(a), Feb. 17, 1976, 90 Stat. 189; Pub. L. 98-200, §1, Dec. 2, 1983, 97 Stat. 1378; Pub. L. 98-548, title I, §101, Oct. 26, 1984, 98 Stat. 2774; Pub. L. 99-645, title I, §101(a), Nov. 10, 1986, 100 Stat. 3584; Pub. L. 100-653, title III, §301, Nov. 14, 1988, 102 Stat. 3827.)

CODIFICATION

Section was not enacted as part of the Migratory Bird Conservation Act which comprises this subchapter.

AMENDMENTS

1988—Pub. L. 100-653 substituted “when all amounts authorized to be appropriated have been expended” for “at the close of September 30, 1988”.

1986—Pub. L. 99-645 substituted “September 30, 1988” for “September 30, 1986”.

1984—Pub. L. 98-548 substituted “September 30, 1986” for “September 30, 1984”.

1983—Pub. L. 98-200 substituted “September 30, 1984” for “September 30, 1983”.

1976—Pub. L. 94-215 substituted “period beginning on July 1, 1961, and ending at the close of September 30, 1983, not to exceed \$200,000,000” for “fifteen-year period beginning with fiscal year 1962, not to exceed \$105,000,000”.

1967—Pub. L. 90-205 substituted “fifteen-year period” for “seven-year period”.

SHORT TITLE

Pub. L. 87-383, which enacted this section and sections 715k-4 and 715k-5 of this title, is popularly known as the “Wetlands Loan Act”.

§ 715k-4. Accounting and use of appropriations

Funds appropriated each fiscal year pursuant to sections 715k-3 to 715k-5 of this title shall be accounted for, added to, and used for purposes of the migratory bird conservation fund¹ established pursuant to section 718d of this title.

(Pub. L. 87-383, §2, Oct. 4, 1961, 75 Stat. 813.)

CODIFICATION

Section was not enacted as part of the Migratory Bird Conservation Act which comprises this subchapter.

¹ So in original. Probably should be capitalized.

§ 715k-5. Acquisition of lands

No land shall be acquired with moneys from the migratory bird conservation fund¹ unless the acquisition thereof has been approved by the Governor of the State or appropriate State agency.

(Pub. L. 87-383, §3, Oct. 4, 1961, 75 Stat. 813; Pub. L. 90-205, §1(b), Dec. 15, 1967, 81 Stat. 612; Pub. L. 94-215, §2(b), Feb. 17, 1976, 90 Stat. 189; Pub. L. 98-200, §2, Dec. 2, 1983, 97 Stat. 1378; Pub. L. 98-548, title I, §102, Oct. 26, 1984, 98 Stat. 2774; Pub. L. 99-645, title I, §101(b), Nov. 10, 1986, 100 Stat. 3584.)

CODIFICATION

Section was not enacted as part of the Migratory Bird Conservation Act which comprises this subchapter.

AMENDMENTS

1986—Pub. L. 99-645 struck out first three sentences which read as follows: “Funds appropriated pursuant to sections 715k-3 to 715k-5 of this title shall be treated as an advance, without interest, to the migratory bird conservation fund. Such appropriated funds, beginning on October 1, 1986, shall be repaid to the Treasury out of the migratory bird conservation fund, such repayment shall be made in annual amounts comprising 75 per centum of the moneys accruing annually to such fund. In the event the full amount authorized by section 715k-3 of this title is appropriated before October 1, 1986, the repayment of such funds pursuant to this section shall begin with the next full fiscal year.”

1984—Pub. L. 98-548 substituted “October 1, 1986” for “October 1, 1984” in two places.

1983—Pub. L. 98-200 substituted “October 1, 1984” for “October 1, 1983” in two places.

1976—Pub. L. 94-215 substituted “on October 1, 1983” for “with fiscal year 1977”, “before October 1, 1983” for “prior to the end of the aforesaid fifteen-year period” and “year. No” for “year: *Provided further*. That no”.

1967—Pub. L. 90-205 made minor structural changes and substituted “1977” for “1969” and “fifteen-year period” for “seven-year period”.

§§ 715l, 715m. Repealed. Pub. L. 89-669, §7(d), Oct. 15, 1966, 80 Stat. 930

Sections, act Feb. 18, 1929, ch. 257, §§13, 14, 45 Stat. 1225, related to: execution of provisions, powers and duties of United States judges, commissioners and employees of Department of the Interior; and penalty for violation of provisions. See section 668dd(f) and (e) of this title, respectively.

§ 715n. “Take” defined

For the purposes of this subchapter the word “take” shall be construed to mean pursue, hunt, shoot, capture, collect, kill, or attempt to pursue, hunt, shoot, capture, collect, or kill, unless the context otherwise requires.

(Feb. 18, 1929, ch. 257, §15, 45 Stat. 1225.)

§ 715o. National forest and power sites; use for migratory bird reservations

Nothing in this subchapter shall be construed as authorizing or empowering the Migratory Bird Conservation Commission herein created, the Secretary of the Interior, or any other board, commission, or officer, to declare, withdraw, or determine, except heretofore des-

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