

retary shall issue interim regulations before March 1, 1998, that will prohibit any vessel that takes lobsters in the exclusive economic zone by a method other than pots or traps from landing lobsters (or any parts thereof) at any location within the United States in excess of—

(1) 100 lobsters (or parts thereof) for each fishing trip of 24 hours or less duration (up to a maximum of 500 lobsters, or parts thereof, during any 5-day period); or

(2) 500 lobsters (or parts thereof) for a fishing trip of 5 days or longer.

(b) Secretary to monitor landings

Before January 1, 1998, the Secretary shall monitor, on a timely basis, landings of American lobster, and, if the Secretary determines that catches from vessels that take lobsters in the exclusive economic zone by a method other than pots or traps have increased significantly, then the Secretary may, consistent with the national standards in section 301 of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act [16 U.S.C. 1851], and after opportunity for public comment and consultation with the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission, implement regulations under section 5103(b) of this title that are necessary for the conservation of American lobster.

(c) Regulations to remain in effect until plan implemented

Regulations issued under subsection (a) or (b) shall remain in effect until the Secretary implements regulations under section 5103(b) of this title to implement a coastal fishery management plan for American lobster.

(Pub. L. 103-206, title VIII, § 810, as added Pub. L. 104-297, title IV, § 404(c), Oct. 11, 1996, 110 Stat. 3620; amended Pub. L. 106-555, title I, § 122(b)(3), Dec. 21, 2000, 114 Stat. 2766.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

This chapter, referred to in subsec. (a), was in the original “this Act”, and was translated as reading “this title”, meaning title VIII of Pub. L. 103-206, Dec. 20, 1993, 107 Stat. 2447, which is classified principally to this chapter. For complete classification of title VIII to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 5101 of this title and Tables.

The Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, referred to in subsec. (a), is Pub. L. 94-265, Apr. 13, 1976, 90 Stat. 331, as amended, which is classified principally to chapter 38 (§ 1801 et seq.) of this title. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 1801 of this title and Tables.

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 810 of Pub. L. 103-206, which repealed section 9 of Pub. L. 98-613 set out in a note under section 1851 of this title, was renumbered section 812 by Pub. L. 104-297.

AMENDMENTS

2000—Subsecs. (a), (b). Pub. L. 106-555 substituted “Magnuson-Stevens Fishery” for “Magnuson Fishery”.

§ 5108. Authorization of appropriations

(a) In general

To carry out this chapter, there are authorized to be appropriated \$10,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2001 through 2005.

(b) Cooperative statistics program

Amounts authorized under subsection (a) may be used by the Secretary to support the Commission’s cooperative statistics program.

(Pub. L. 103-206, title VIII, § 811, formerly § 809, Dec. 20, 1993, 107 Stat. 2453; renumbered § 811 and amended Pub. L. 104-297, title IV, § 404(c), (d), Oct. 11, 1996, 110 Stat. 3619, 3620; Pub. L. 106-555, title I, § 122(a), Dec. 21, 2000, 114 Stat. 2766.)

PRIOR PROVISIONS

Another section 811 of Pub. L. 103-206 amended section 4107 of this title, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 106-555, title I, § 122(b)(1)(B), Dec. 21, 2000, 114 Stat. 2766.

AMENDMENTS

2000—Pub. L. 106-555 reenacted section catchline without change and amended text generally. Prior to amendment, text read as follows: “To carry out the provisions of this chapter, there are authorized to be appropriated \$3,000,000 for fiscal year 1994, \$5,000,000 for fiscal year 1995, and \$7,000,000 for fiscal year 1996, and \$7,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 1997, 1998, 1999, and 2000.”

1996—Pub. L. 104-297, § 404(d), which directed amendment of section 810 of Pub. L. 103-206 by substituting “1996, and \$7,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 1997, 1998, 1999, and 2000” for “1996”, was executed to this section to reflect the probable intent of Congress.

CHAPTER 71A—ATLANTIC STRIPED BASS CONSERVATION

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CODIFICATION

This chapter is comprised of Pub. L. 98-613, Oct. 31, 1984, 98 Stat. 3187-3190, as amended, which was formerly set out as a note under section 1851 of this title.

§ 5151. Findings and purposes

(a) Findings

The Congress finds and declares the following:

(1) Atlantic striped bass are of historic commercial and recreational importance and economic benefit to the Atlantic coastal States and to the Nation.

(2) No single government entity has full management authority throughout the range of the Atlantic striped bass.

(3) The population of Atlantic striped bass—

(A) has been subject to large fluctuations due to natural causes, fishing pressure, environmental pollution, loss and alteration of habitat, inadequacy of fisheries conservation and management practices, and other causes; and

(B) risks potential depletion in the future without effective monitoring and conservation and management measures.

(4) It is in the national interest to implement effective procedures and measures to