

appointed to fill a vacancy occurring prior to the expiration of the term of office of that individual's predecessor shall be appointed for the remainder of that term. A representative may be appointed for a term of less than 4 years if such term is necessary to ensure that the term of office of not more than 2 representatives will expire in any single year. An individual appointed to serve as a representative is eligible for reappointment.

(3) Chair

Unless otherwise agreed by all of the 4 representatives, the chair shall rotate annually among the 4 members, with the order of rotation determined by lot at the first meeting.

(b) Alternate representatives

The Secretary, in consultation with the Secretary of State, may designate alternate representatives of the United States to serve on the joint management committee. An alternative representative may exercise, at any meeting of the committee, all the powers and duties of a representative in the absence of a duly designated representative for whatever reason.

(Pub. L. 109-479, title VI, §603, Jan. 12, 2007, 120 Stat. 3645.)

§ 7003. United States representation on the scientific review group

(a) In general

The Secretary, in consultation with the Secretary of State, shall appoint no more than 2 scientific experts to serve on the scientific review group. An individual shall not be eligible to serve on the scientific review group while serving on the joint technical committee.

(b) Term

An individual appointed under subsection (a) shall be appointed for a term of not to exceed 4 years, but shall be eligible for reappointment. An individual appointed to fill a vacancy occurring prior to the expiration of a term of office of that individual's predecessor shall be appointed to serve for the remainder of that term.

(c) Joint appointments

In addition to individuals appointed under subsection (a), the Secretary, jointly with the Government of Canada, may appoint to the scientific review group, from a list of names provided by the advisory panel—

- (1) up to 2 independent members of the scientific review group; and
- (2) 2 public advisors.

(Pub. L. 109-479, title VI, §604, Jan. 12, 2007, 120 Stat. 3645.)

§ 7004. United States representation on joint technical committee

(a) Scientific experts

(1) In general

The Secretary, in consultation with the Secretary of State, shall appoint no more than 2 individuals to serve as scientific experts on the joint technical committee, at least 1 of whom shall be an official of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

(2) Term of office

An individual appointed under paragraph (1) shall be appointed for a term of not to exceed 4 years, but shall be eligible for reappointment. An individual appointed to fill a vacancy occurring prior to the expiration of the term of office of that individual's predecessor shall be appointed for the remainder of that term.

(b) Independent member

In addition to individuals appointed under subsection (a), the Secretary, jointly with the Government of Canada, shall appoint 1 independent member to the joint technical committee selected from a list of names provided by the advisory panel.

(Pub. L. 109-479, title VI, §605, Jan. 12, 2007, 120 Stat. 3646; Pub. L. 111-348, title III, §302(a), Jan. 4, 2011, 124 Stat. 3672.)

AMENDMENTS

2011—Subsec. (a)(1). Pub. L. 111-348 substituted “no more than 2” for “at least 6 but not more than 12”.

§ 7005. United States representation on advisory panel

(a) In general

(1) Appointment

The Secretary, in consultation with the Secretary of State, shall appoint at least 6 but not more than 12 individuals to serve as members of the advisory panel, selected from among individuals who are—

- (A) knowledgeable or experienced in the harvesting, processing, marketing, management, conservation, or research of the offshore whiting resource; and
- (B) not employees of the United States.

(2) Term of office

An individual appointed under paragraph (1) shall be appointed for a term of not to exceed 4 years, but shall be eligible for reappointment. An individual appointed to fill a vacancy occurring prior to the expiration of the term of office of that individual's predecessor shall be appointed for the remainder of that term.

(Pub. L. 109-479, title VI, §606, Jan. 12, 2007, 120 Stat. 3646.)

§ 7006. Responsibilities of the Secretary

(a) In general

The Secretary is responsible for carrying out the Agreement and this chapter, including the authority, to be exercised in consultation with the Secretary of State, to accept or reject, on behalf of the United States, recommendations made by the joint management committee.

(b) Regulations; cooperation with Canadian officials

In exercising responsibilities under this chapter, the Secretary—

- (1) may promulgate such regulations as may be necessary to carry out the purposes and objectives of the Agreement and this chapter; and