

§ 5001. Purpose

It is the purpose of this chapter to implement the Convention for the Conservation of Anadromous Stocks in the North Pacific Ocean, signed in Moscow, February 11, 1992.

(Pub. L. 102-567, title VIII, §802, Oct. 29, 1992, 106 Stat. 4309; Pub. L. 102-587, title VIII, §8002, Nov. 4, 1992, 106 Stat. 5098; Pub. L. 106-562, title III, §304(a), Dec. 23, 2000, 114 Stat. 2806.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

This chapter, referred to in text, was in the original “this title”, meaning title VIII of Pub. L. 102-567, which is classified generally to this chapter. For complete classification of title VIII to the Code, see Short Title note below and Tables.

CODIFICATION

Title VIII of Pub. L. 102-567 and Pub. L. 102-587 enacted identical sections. Title VIII of Pub. L. 102-587 was repealed by Pub. L. 106-562.

SHORT TITLE

Pub. L. 102-587, title VIII, §8001, Nov. 4, 1992, 106 Stat. 5098, which provided that title VIII of Pub. L. 102-587, which enacted this chapter and repealed sections 1021 to 1023, 1025 to 1027, 1029, 1030, and 1032 to 1035 of this title and provisions set out as notes under section 1021 of this title, could be cited as the “North Pacific Anadromous Stocks Convention Act of 1992”, was repealed by Pub. L. 106-562, title III, §304(a), Dec. 23, 2000, 114 Stat. 2806.

Pub. L. 102-567, title VIII, §801, Oct. 29, 1992, 106 Stat. 4309, provided that: “This title [enacting this chapter and repealing sections 1021 to 1023, 1025 to 1027, 1029, 1030, and 1032 to 1035 of this title and provisions set out as notes under section 1021 of this title] may be cited as the ‘North Pacific Anadromous Stocks Act of 1992.’”

§ 5002. Definitions

As used in this chapter, the term—

(1) “Anadromous stocks” means stocks of species listed in the Annex to the Convention that migrate into the Convention area.

(2) “Anadromous fish” means fish of the species listed in the Annex to the Convention that migrate into the Convention area.

(3) “Authorized officer” means a law enforcement official authorized to enforce this chapter under section 5003(a) of this title.

(4) “Commission” means the North Pacific Anadromous Fish Commission provided for by article VIII of the Convention.

(5) “Convention” means the Convention for the Conservation of Anadromous Stocks of the North Pacific Ocean, signed in Moscow, February 11, 1992.

(6) “Convention area” means the waters of the North Pacific Ocean and its adjacent seas, north of 33 degrees North Latitude,¹ beyond 200 nautical miles from the baselines from which the breadth of the territorial sea is measured.

(7) “Directed fishing” means fishing targeted at a particular species or stock of fish.

(8) “Ecologically related species” means living marine species which are associated with anadromous stocks found in the Convention area, including, but not restricted to, both predators and prey of anadromous fish.

(9) “Enforcement officer” means a law enforcement official authorized by any Party to enforce this chapter.

(10) “Exclusive economic zone” means the zone established by Proclamation Numbered 5030, dated March 10, 1983. For purposes of applying this chapter, the inner boundary of that zone is a line coterminous with the seaward boundary of each of the coastal States.

(11) “Fish” means finfish, mollusks, crustaceans, and all other forms of marine animal and plant life other than marine mammals and birds.

(12) “Fishing” means—

(A) the catching, taking, or harvesting of fish, or any other activity that can reasonably be expected to result in the catching, taking, or harvesting of fish; or

(B) any operation at sea in preparation for or in direct support of any activity described in subparagraph (A).

(13) “Fishing vessel” means—

(A) any vessel engaged in catching fish within the Convention area or in processing or transporting fish loaded in the Convention area;

(B) any vessel outfitted to engage in any activity described in subparagraph (A);

(C) any vessel supporting a vessel described in subparagraph (A) or (B).

(14) “Incidental taking” means catching, taking, or harvesting a species or stock of fish while conducting directed fishing for another species or stock of fish.

(15) “Party” means Canada, Japan, the Russian Federation, the United States, and any other nation that may accede to the Convention.

(16) “Secretary” means the Secretary of State.

(17) “United States Section” means the United States Commissioners of the Commission.

(Pub. L. 102-567, title VIII, §803, Oct. 29, 1992, 106 Stat. 4309; Pub. L. 102-587, title VIII, §8003, Nov. 4, 1992, 106 Stat. 5098; Pub. L. 104-43, title IV, §404(b), Nov. 3, 1995, 109 Stat. 391; Pub. L. 106-562, title III, §304(a), Dec. 23, 2000, 114 Stat. 2806.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

Proclamation Numbered 5030, dated March 10, 1983, referred to in par. (10), is set out as a note under section 1453 of this title.

CODIFICATION

Title VIII of Pub. L. 102-567 and Pub. L. 102-587 enacted substantially identical sections. Title VIII of Pub. L. 102-587 was repealed by Pub. L. 106-562.

AMENDMENTS

1995—Par. (13)(C). Pub. L. 104-43 amended subpar. (C) generally. Prior to amendment, subpar. (C) read as follows: “any vessel described in subparagraph (A) or (B).”

§ 5003. United States Commissioners

(a) Commissioners

The United States shall be represented on the Commission by not more than three United States Commissioners to be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the President. Each

¹ So in original. Probably should not be capitalized.

United States Commissioner shall be appointed for a term of office not to exceed 4 years, but is eligible for reappointment. Individuals serving as such Commissioners shall not be considered to be Federal employees while performing such service, except for purposes of injury compensation or tort claims liability as provided in chapter 81 of title 5 and chapter 171 of title 28. Of the Commissioners—

- (1) one shall be an official of the United States Government;
- (2) one shall be a resident of the State of Alaska; and
- (3) one shall be a resident of the State of Washington.

An individual is not eligible for appointment under paragraph (2) or (3) as a Commissioner unless the individual is knowledgeable or experienced concerning the anadromous stocks and ecologically related species of the North Pacific Ocean.

(b) Alternate Commissioners

The Secretary, in consultation with the Secretary of Commerce, may designate from time to time Alternate United States Commissioners to the Commission. An Alternate United States Commissioner may exercise all designated powers and duties of a United States Commissioner in the absence of a duly designated Commissioner for whatever reason. The number of such Alternate United States Commissioners that may be designated for any such meeting shall be limited to the number of authorized United States Commissioners that will not be present.

(c) United States Section

The United States Section, in consultation with the Advisory Panel established in section 5004 of this title, shall identify and recommend to the Commission research needs and priorities for anadromous stocks and ecologically related species subject to the Convention, and oversee the United States research programs involving such fisheries, stocks, and species.

(d) Compensation

United States Commissioners and Alternate United States Commissioners shall receive no compensation for their services as Commissioners and Alternate Commissioners.

(e) Travel expenses

(1) In general

The Secretary may pay the necessary travel expenses of the United States Commissioners and Alternate United States Commissioners in carrying out the duties of the Commission in accordance with the Federal Travel Regulations and sections 5701, 5702, 5704 through 5708, and 5731 of title 5.

(2) Reimbursement

The Secretary of Commerce may reimburse the Secretary for amounts expended by the Secretary under this subparagraph.¹

(Pub. L. 102-567, title VIII, §804, Oct. 29, 1992, 106 Stat. 4310; Pub. L. 102-587, title VIII, §8004, Nov. 4, 1992, 106 Stat. 5099; Pub. L. 106-562, title III,

§304, Dec. 23, 2000, 114 Stat. 2806; Pub. L. 114-327, title I, §121(b)(1), Dec. 16, 2016, 130 Stat. 1984.)

CODIFICATION

Title VIII of Pub. L. 102-567 and Pub. L. 102-587 enacted identical sections. Title VIII of Pub. L. 102-587 was repealed by Pub. L. 106-562.

AMENDMENTS

2016—Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 114-327 added subsec. (e).
2000—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 106-562, §304(b), inserted after second sentence “Individuals serving as such Commissioners shall not be considered to be Federal employees while performing such service, except for purposes of injury compensation or tort claims liability as provided in chapter 81 of title 5 and chapter 171 of title 28.”

§ 5004. Advisory Panel

(a) Establishment of Panel

An Advisory Panel to the United States Section is established. The Advisory Panel shall be composed of the following:

- (1) The Commissioner of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game.
- (2) The Director of the Washington Department of Fisheries.
- (3) One representative of the Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission, designated by the Executive Director of that commission.
- (4) Eleven members (six of whom shall be residents of the State of Alaska and five of whom shall be residents of the State of Washington), appointed by the Secretary, in consultation with the Secretary of Commerce, from among a slate of 12 persons nominated by the Governor of Alaska and a slate of 10 persons nominated by the Governor of Washington.

(b) Qualifications

Persons appointed to the Advisory Panel shall be individuals who are knowledgeable or experienced concerning anadromous stocks and ecologically related species. In submitting a slate of nominees pursuant to subsection (a)(4), the Governors of Alaska and Washington shall seek to represent the broad range of parties interested in anadromous stocks and ecologically related species, and at a minimum shall include on each slate at least one representative of commercial salmon fishing interests and of environmental interests concerned with protection of living marine resources.

(c) Limitation on service

Any person appointed to the Advisory Panel pursuant to subsection (a)(4) shall serve for a term not to exceed 4 years, and may not serve more than two consecutive terms.

(d) Functions

The Advisory Panel shall be invited to all non-executive meetings of the United States Section and at such meetings shall be granted the opportunity to examine and to be heard on all proposed programs of study and investigation, reports, and recommendations of the United States Section.

(e) Compensation

The members of the Advisory Panel shall receive no compensation for their service as such members.

¹ So in original. Probably should be “subsection”.