

tional fishing patterns of fishing vessels of the United States and the operating requirements of the fisheries covered by the Western and Central Pacific Convention.

(Pub. L. 109-479, title V, §511, as added Pub. L. 114-327, title III, §301(a)(2), Dec. 16, 2016, 130 Stat. 1994.)

#### PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 511 of Pub. L. 109-479 was renumbered section 512 and is classified to section 6910 of this title.

### § 6910. Authorization of appropriations

There are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary of Commerce such sums as may be necessary to carry out this chapter and to pay the United States' contribution to the Commission under section 5 of part III of the WCPFC Convention.

(Pub. L. 109-479, title V, §512, formerly §511, Jan. 12, 2007, 120 Stat. 3644; renumbered §512, Pub. L. 114-327, title III, §301(a)(2), Dec. 16, 2016, 130 Stat. 1994.)

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### § 7001. Definitions

In this chapter:

#### (1) Advisory panel

The term “advisory panel” means the Advisory Panel on Pacific Hake/Whiting established by the Agreement.

#### (2) Agreement

The term “Agreement” means the Agreement between the Government of the United States and the Government of Canada on Pacific Hake/Whiting, signed at Seattle, Washington, on November 21, 2003.

#### (3) Catch

The term “catch” means all fishery removals from the offshore whiting resource, including landings, discards, and bycatch in other fisheries.

#### (4) Joint management committee

The term “joint management committee” means the joint management committee established by the Agreement.

#### (5) Joint technical committee

The term “joint technical committee” means the joint technical committee established by the Agreement.

#### (6) Offshore whiting resource

The term “offshore whiting resource” means the transboundary stock of *Merluccius*

productus that is located in the offshore waters of the United States and Canada except in Puget Sound and the Strait of Georgia.

#### (7) Scientific review group

The term “scientific review group” means the scientific review group established by the Agreement.

#### (8) Secretary

The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of Commerce.

#### (9) United States Section

The term “United States Section” means the United States representatives on the joint management committee.

(Pub. L. 109-479, title VI, §602, Jan. 12, 2007, 120 Stat. 3644.)

#### SHORT TITLE

Pub. L. 109-479, title VI, §601, Jan. 12, 2007, 120 Stat. 3644, provided that: “This title [enacting this chapter] may be cited as the ‘Pacific Whiting Act of 2006.’”

### § 7002. United States representation on joint management committee

#### (a) Representatives

##### (1) In general

The Secretary, in consultation with the Secretary of State, shall appoint 4 individuals to represent the United States as the United States Section on the joint management committee. In making the appointments, the Secretary shall select representatives from among individuals who are knowledgeable or experienced concerning the offshore whiting resource. Of these—

(A) 1 shall be an official of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration;

(B) 1 shall be a member of the Pacific Fishery Management Council, appointed with consideration given to any recommendation provided by that Council;

(C) 1 shall be appointed from a list submitted by the treaty Indian tribes with treaty fishing rights to the offshore whiting resource; and

(D) 1 shall be appointed from the commercial sector of the whiting fishing industry concerned with the offshore whiting resource.

##### (2) Term of office

Each representative appointed under paragraph (1) shall be appointed for a term not to exceed 4 years, except that, of the initial appointments, 2 representatives shall be appointed for terms of 2 years. Any 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. 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