

## AMENDMENTS

1996—Pub. L. 104-127, in introductory provisions, substituted “Secretary of Agriculture shall” for “Secretary of the Interior is authorized and directed to” and “1 or more centers” for “an experiment station or stations” and, in par. (5), substituted “Secretary of the Interior” for “Department of Agriculture”.

**§ 778a. Acquisition of lands; construction of buildings; employment of personnel; cooperation with other agencies; publication of results**

For the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this chapter, the Secretary of Agriculture is authorized (1) to acquire by purchase, condemnation, or otherwise such suitable lands, to construct such buildings, to acquire such equipment and apparatus, and to employ such officers and employees as he deems necessary; (2) to cooperate with State and other institutions and agencies upon such terms and conditions as he determines to be appropriate; and (3) to make public the results of such research and experiments conducted pursuant to section 778 of this title.

(Pub. L. 85-342, § 2, Mar. 15, 1958, 72 Stat. 35; Pub. L. 104-127, title VIII, § 889(a)(2), Apr. 4, 1996, 110 Stat. 1180.)

## AMENDMENTS

1996—Pub. L. 104-127 substituted “the Secretary of Agriculture is authorized” for “the Secretary of the Interior is authorized”.

**§ 778b. Cooperation with Secretary of the Interior**

The Secretary of the Interior is authorized to cooperate in carrying out the provisions of this chapter by furnishing such information and assistance as may be requested by the Secretary of Agriculture.

(Pub. L. 85-342, § 3, Mar. 15, 1958, 72 Stat. 35; Pub. L. 104-127, title VIII, § 889(a)(3), Apr. 4, 1996, 110 Stat. 1180.)

## AMENDMENTS

1996—Pub. L. 104-127 substituted “the Secretary of the Interior” for “The Department of Agriculture” and “requested by the Secretary of Agriculture” for “requested by the Secretary of the Interior”.

**§ 778c. Authorization of appropriations**

There are hereby authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this chapter.

(Pub. L. 85-342, § 4, Mar. 15, 1958, 72 Stat. 35.)

**§§ 778d to 778h. Omitted**

## CODIFICATION

Sections, Pub. L. 89-701, §§ 1-5, Nov. 2, 1966, 80 Stat. 1089, 1090, related to fish protein concentrate and authorized the Secretary of the Interior to promote studies, conduct research and experiments, and construct and lease experiment and demonstration plants. The authority of the Secretary under these sections expired at the expiration of five years from Nov. 2, 1966 by the express terms of section 778h of this title.

Section 778f was amended by Pub. L. 90-549, Oct. 4, 1968, 82 Stat. 936.

**CHAPTER 10D—STATE COMMERCIAL FISHERIES RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS**

**§§ 779 to 779f. Repealed. Pub. L. 99-659, title III, § 309, Nov. 14, 1986, 100 Stat. 3736**

Section 779, Pub. L. 88-309, § 2, May 20, 1964, 78 Stat. 197; 1970 Reorg. Plan No. 4, eff. Oct. 3, 1970, 35 F.R. 15627, 84 Stat. 2090; Pub. L. 94-273, § 4(3), Apr. 21, 1976, 90 Stat. 377; Pub. L. 94-485, § 1(1), Oct. 12, 1976, 90 Stat. 2326, defined terms used in this chapter.

Section 779a, Pub. L. 88-309, § 3, May 20, 1964, 78 Stat. 197; 1970 Reorg. Plan No. 4, eff. Oct. 3, 1970, 35 F.R. 15627, 84 Stat. 2090, related to cooperation with States on projects for the research and development of commercial fisheries resources, joint projects between States, consent to interstate compacts, and reservation of right to alter, amend or repeal consent.

Section 779b, Pub. L. 88-309, § 4, May 20, 1964, 78 Stat. 197; Pub. L. 90-551, §§ 1-3, Oct. 4, 1968, 82 Stat. 957; 1970 Reorg. Plan No. 4, eff. Oct. 3, 1970, 35 F.R. 15627, 84 Stat. 2090; Pub. L. 92-590, §§ 1-3, Oct. 27, 1972, 86 Stat. 1303; Pub. L. 95-53, June 22, 1977, 91 Stat. 249; Pub. L. 96-262, § 1, June 5, 1980, 94 Stat. 437; Pub. L. 97-389, title I, § 101, Dec. 29, 1982, 96 Stat. 1949, authorized appropriations to carry out this chapter.

Section 779c, Pub. L. 88-309, § 5, May 20, 1964, 78 Stat. 198; Pub. L. 94-273, § 3(3), Apr. 21, 1976, 90 Stat. 376; Pub. L. 94-485, § 1(2), (3), Oct. 12, 1976, 90 Stat. 2326, provided for apportionment among States of funds appropriated under former section 779b of this title.

Section 779d, Pub. L. 88-309, § 6, May 20, 1964, 78 Stat. 198; Pub. L. 94-485, § 1(4), Oct. 12, 1976, 90 Stat. 2326, provided for approval of projects for funding, and payment of benefits, under this chapter.

Section 779e, Pub. L. 88-309, § 7, May 20, 1964, 78 Stat. 199, related to working conditions on projects funded, and to disposal of property acquired, under this chapter.

Section 779f, Pub. L. 88-309, § 8, May 20, 1964, 78 Stat. 199, authorized promulgation of rules and regulations.

## EFFECTIVE DATE OF REPEAL

Repeal effective Oct. 1, 1987, see section 310 of Pub. L. 99-659, set out as an Effective Date note under section 4101 of this title.

**CHAPTER 11—REGULATION OF LANDING, CURING, AND SALE OF SPONGES TAKEN FROM GULF OF MEXICO AND STRAITS OF FLORIDA**

Sec.

- 781. Taking or catching, in waters of Gulf or Straits of Florida, commercial sponges of less than prescribed size, and landing or possession of same.
- 782. Sponges of less than prescribed size; possession prima facie evidence.
- 783. Punishment for violations of law; liability of vessels.
- 784. Jurisdiction of prosecutions.
- 785. Enforcement of law prohibiting taking of sponges of specified sizes; employment of Coast Guard vessels and Customs Service employees.

**§ 781. Taking or catching, in waters of Gulf or Straits of Florida, commercial sponges of less than prescribed size, and landing or possession of same**

It is unlawful for any citizen of the United States, or person owing duty of obedience to the laws of the United States, or any boat or vessel of the United States, or person belonging to or on any such boat or vessel, to take or catch, by any means or method, in the waters of the Gulf