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(1) appropriate uniform methods and standards for those activities to provide confidence in Great Lakes fish and wildlife tissue samples used for research;

(2) documentation of procedures used for collecting, preparing, and archiving those samples; and

(3) appropriate scientific use of the tissues in the Great Lakes Fish and Wildlife Tissue Bank.

(Pub. L. 102-440, title II, §202, Oct. 23, 1992, 106 Stat. 2233.)

SHORT TITLE

Pub. L. 102-440, title II, §201, Oct. 23, 1992, 106 Stat. 2233, provided that: "This title [enacting this chapter] may be cited as 'The Great Lakes Fish and Wildlife Tissue Bank Act'."

§943a. Data base

(a) Maintenance

The Secretary shall maintain a central data base which provides an effective means for tracking and assessing relevant reference data on Great Lakes fish and wildlife, including data on tissues collected for and maintained in the Great Lakes Fish and Wildlife Tissue Bank.

(b) Access

The Secretary shall establish criteria, after an opportunity for public review and comment, for access to the data base which provides for appropriate use of the information by the public.

(Pub. L. 102-440, title II, §203, Oct. 23, 1992, 106 Stat. 2233.)

§943b. Definitions

In this chapter-

(1) "Secretary" means the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Director of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service.

(2) "Great Lakes fish and wildlife" means fauna, fish, and invertebrates dependent on Great Lakes resources, and located within the Great Lakes Basin.

(Pub. L. 102-440, title II, §204, Oct. 23, 1992, 106 Stat. 2233.)

§943c. Authorization of appropriations

There is authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary, \$250,000 for each of fiscal years 1993 and 1994 to carry out this chapter.

(Pub. L. 102-440, title II, §205, Oct. 23, 1992, 106 Stat. 2234.)

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§951. Definitions

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(1) Antigua Convention

The term "Antigua Convention" means the Convention for the Strengthening of the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission Established by the 1949 Convention Between the United States of America and the Republic of Costa Rica, signed at Washington, November 14, 2003.

(2) Commission

The term "Commission" means the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission provided for by the Convention.

(3) Convention

The term "Convention" means-

(A) the Convention for the Establishment of an Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission, signed at Washington, May 31, 1949, by the United States of America and the Republic of Costa Rica;

(B) the Antigua Convention, upon its entry into force for the United States, and any amendments thereto that are in force for the United States; or

(C) both such Conventions, as the context requires.

(4) Person

The term "person" means an individual, partnership, corporation, or association subject to the jurisdiction of the United States.

(5) United States

The term "United States" includes all areas under the sovereignty of the United States.

(6) United States Commissioners

The term "United States commissioners"¹ means the individuals appointed in accordance with section 952(a) of this title.

(Sept. 7, 1950, ch. 907, §2, 64 Stat. 777; Pub. L. 87-814, §1, Oct. 15, 1962, 76 Stat. 923; Pub. L. 114-81, title II, §203, Nov. 5, 2015, 129 Stat. 660.)

Amendments

2015—Pub. L. 114-81 amended section generally. Prior to amendment, section defined terms for this chapter.

1962—Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 87–814 substituted definition of "United States" for definition of "enforcement agency".

EFFECTIVE DATE

Act Sept. 7, 1950, ch. 907, §14, 64 Stat. 780, provided: "This Act [this chapter] shall take effect with respect to each of the conventions upon the entry into force of that convention, unless such entry into force shall be prior to the date of approval of this Act [Sept. 7, 1950] in which case this Act [this chapter] shall take effect immediately." The Costa Rican convention was ratified on March 3, 1950, and the Mexican convention on July 11, 1950. Therefore, the act took effect upon its approval on Sept. 7, 1950.

SHORT TITLE OF 2015 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 114-81, title II, §201, Nov. 5, 2015, 129 Stat. 660, provided that: "This title [amending sections 951 to 953,

¹So in original. Probably should be capitalized.