

the United States Commissioners, shall seek, in cooperation with other nations whose vessels fish for tuna in the eastern tropical Pacific Ocean, to establish standards and measures for a bycatch reduction program for vessels fishing for yellowfin tuna in the eastern tropical Pacific Ocean. The bycatch reduction program shall include measures—

- (1) to require, to the maximum extent practicable, that sea turtles and other threatened species and endangered species are released alive;
- (2) to reduce, to the maximum extent practicable, the harvest of nontarget species;
- (3) to reduce, to the maximum extent practicable, the mortality of nontarget species; and
- (4) to reduce, to the maximum extent practicable, the mortality of juveniles of the target species.

(Sept. 7, 1950, ch. 907, §15, as added Pub. L. 105-42, §7(c), Aug. 15, 1997, 111 Stat. 1138; amended Pub. L. 114-81, title II, §209, Nov. 5, 2015, 129 Stat. 664.)

CODIFICATION

Section 7(c) of Pub. L. 105-42, which directed the addition of this section at the end of the Tuna Conventions Act, was executed by adding this section at the end of the Tuna Conventions Act of 1950, to reflect the probable intent of Congress.

AMENDMENTS

2015—Pub. L. 114-81 substituted “vessels” for “vessel” in introductory provisions.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective upon certification by Secretary of Commerce that sufficient funding is available to complete first year of study required by section 1414a(a) of this title and that study has commenced, and certification by Secretary of State to Congress that binding resolution of Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission or other legally binding instrument establishing International Dolphin Conservation Program has been adopted and is in force, see section 8 of Pub. L. 105-42, set out as an Effective Date of 1997 Amendment note under section 1362 of this title.

CHAPTER 16A—ATLANTIC TUNAS CONVENTION

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§ 971. Definitions

For the purpose of this chapter—

(1) The term “Convention” means the International Convention for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas, signed at Rio de Janeiro May 14, 1966, including any amendments or proto-

cols which are or become effective for the United States.

(2) The term “Commission” means the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas provided for in article III of the Convention.

(3) The term “conservation recommendation” means any recommendation of the Commission made pursuant to Article VIII of the Convention and acted upon favorably by the Secretary of State under section 971c(a) of this title.

(4) The term “Council” means the Council established within the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas pursuant to article V of the Convention.

(5) The term “exclusive economic zone” means an exclusive economic zone as defined in section 1802 of this title.

(6) The term “fishing” means the catching, taking, or fishing for or the attempted catching, taking, or fishing for any species of fish covered by the Convention, or any activities in support thereof.

(7) The term “fishing vessel” means any vessel engaged in catching fish or processing or transporting fish loaded on the high seas, or any vessel outfitted for such activities.

(8) The term “Panel” means any panel established by the Commission pursuant to article VI of the Convention.

(9) The term “person” means every individual, partnership, corporation, and association subject to the jurisdiction of the United States.

(10) The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of Commerce.

(11) The term “State” includes each of the States of the United States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and the territories and possessions of the United States.

(Pub. L. 94-70, §2, Aug. 5, 1975, 89 Stat. 385; Pub. L. 94-265, title IV, §405(a), Apr. 13, 1976, 90 Stat. 361; Pub. L. 95-33, §2, May 26, 1977, 91 Stat. 173; Pub. L. 104-43, title III, §303(1), (2), Nov. 3, 1995, 109 Stat. 384; Pub. L. 105-384, title II, §202(b)(1)(A), (F), Nov. 13, 1998, 112 Stat. 3452, 3453.)

AMENDMENTS

1998—Pars. (4), (5). Pub. L. 105-384 renumbered par. (4) defining “exclusive economic zone” as par. (5) and made technical amendment to reference in original act which appears in text as reference to section 1802 of this title.

1995—Par. (3). Pub. L. 104-43, §303(1), added par. (3). Former par. (3) redesignated (4).

Par. (4). Pub. L. 104-43, §303(2), added par. (4) defining “exclusive economic zone”. Former par. (4) redesignated (5).

Pub. L. 104-43, §303(1), redesignated par. (3) defining “Council” as (4).

Par. (5). Pub. L. 104-43, §303(2), struck out par. (5) which read as follows: “The term ‘fisheries zone’ means the waters included within a zone contiguous to the territorial sea of the United States, of which the inner boundary is a line coterminous with the seaward boundary of each coastal State, and the outer boundary is a line drawn in such a manner that each point on it is two hundred nautical miles from the baseline from which the territorial sea is measured; or similar zones established by other parties to the Convention to the