

**(c) Recommendations of Panel**

In addition to recommendations made by the Panel to the responsible management entities in accordance with the Agreement, the Panel may make recommendations concerning the conservation and management of salmon originating in the Yukon River to the Department of the Interior, Department of Commerce, Department of State, North Pacific Fishery Management Council, and other Federal or State entities as appropriate. Recommendations by the Panel shall be advisory in nature.

(Pub. L. 104-43, title VII, §707, Nov. 3, 1995, 109 Stat. 394.)

**§ 5707. Continuation of Agreement**

In the event that the Treaty between Canada and the United States of America concerning Pacific Salmon, signed at Ottawa, January 28, 1985, terminates prior to the termination of the Agreement, and the functions of the Panel are assumed by the “Yukon River Salmon Commission” referenced in the Agreement, the provisions of this subchapter which apply to the Panel shall thereafter apply to the Yukon River Salmon Commission, and the other provisions of this subchapter shall remain in effect.

(Pub. L. 104-43, title VII, §708, Nov. 3, 1995, 109 Stat. 394.)

**§ 5708. Administrative matters****(a) Compensation of Panel members**

Panel members and alternate Panel members who are not State or Federal employees shall receive compensation at the daily rate of GS-15 of the General Schedule when engaged in the actual performance of duties.

**(b) Travel and other expenses**

Travel and other necessary expenses shall be paid for all Panel members, alternate Panel members, United States members of the Joint Technical Committee, and members of the Advisory Committee when engaged in the actual performance of duties.

**(c) Status as Federal employees**

Except for officials of the United States Government, individuals described in subsection (b) shall not be considered to be Federal employees while engaged in the actual performance of duties, except for the purposes of injury compensation or tort claims liability as provided in chapter 81 of title 5 and chapter 71<sup>1</sup> of title 28.

(Pub. L. 104-43, title VII, §709, Nov. 3, 1995, 109 Stat. 395.)

## REFERENCES IN TEXT

The General Schedule, referred to in subsec. (a), is set out under section 5332 of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.

**§ 5709. Authorization of appropriations**

There are authorized to be appropriated \$4,000,000 for each fiscal year for carrying out the purposes and provisions of the Agreement and this subchapter including—

(1) necessary travel expenses of Panel members, alternate Panel members, United States members of the Joint Technical Committee, and members of the Advisory Committee in accordance with Federal Travel Regulations and sections 5701, 5702, 5704 through 5708, and 5731 of title 5;

(2) the United States share of the joint expenses of the Panel and the Joint Technical Committee: *Provided*, That Panel members and alternate Panel members shall not, with respect to commitments concerning the United States share of the joint expenses, be subject to section 262(b)<sup>1</sup> of title 22, insofar as it limits the authority of United States representatives to international organizations with respect to such commitments;

(3) not more than \$3,000,000 for each fiscal year to the Department of the Interior and to the Department of Commerce for survey, restoration, and enhancement activities related to Yukon River salmon; and

(4) \$400,000 in each of fiscal years 1996, 1997, 1998, and 1999 to be contributed to the Yukon River Restoration and Enhancement Fund and used in accordance with the Agreement.

(Pub. L. 104-43, title VII, §710, Nov. 3, 1995, 109 Stat. 395.)

## SUBCHAPTER II—CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT

**§ 5721. Yukon River Salmon Panel****(a) Establishment****(1) In general**

There shall be a Yukon River Salmon Panel (in this subchapter referred to as the “Panel”).

**(2) Functions**

The Panel shall—

(A) advise the Secretary of State regarding the negotiation of any international agreement with Canada relating to management of salmon stocks originating from the Yukon River in Canada;

(B) advise the Secretary of the Interior regarding restoration and enhancement of such salmon stocks; and

(C) perform other functions relating to conservation and management of such salmon stocks as authorized by this subchapter or any other title.<sup>1</sup>

**(3) Designation as United States representatives on bilateral body**

The Secretary of State may designate the members of the Panel to be the United States representatives on any successor to the panel established by the interim agreement for the conservation of salmon stocks originating from the Yukon River in Canada agreed to through an exchange of notes between the Government of the United States and the Government of Canada on February 3, 1995, if authorized by any agreement establishing such successor.

<sup>1</sup> So in original. Probably should be section “262b”.

<sup>1</sup> See References in Text note below.

<sup>1</sup> So in original. Probably should be chapter “171”.