

retary of the Navy shall report to Congress and the public on monitoring undertaken pursuant to paragraph (1).

(f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) SOUTHERN SEA OTTER.—The term “southern sea otter” means any member of the subspecies *Enhydra lutris nereis*.

(2) TAKE.—The term “take”—

(A) when used in reference to activities subject to regulation by the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.), shall have the meaning given such term in that Act; and

(B) when used in reference to activities subject to regulation by the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. 1361 et seq.) shall have the meaning given such term in that Act.

(3) INCIDENTAL TAKING.—The term “incidental taking” means any take of a southern sea otter that is incidental to, and not the purpose of, the carrying out of an otherwise lawful activity.

(4) MILITARY READINESS ACTIVITY.—The term “military readiness activity” has the meaning given that term in section 315(f) of the Bob Stump National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2003 (16 U.S.C. 703 note) and includes all training and operations of the armed forces that relate to combat and the adequate and realistic testing of military equipment, vehicles, weapons, and sensors for proper operation and suitability for combat use.

(5) OPTIMUM SUSTAINABLE POPULATION.—The term “optimum sustainable population” means, with respect to any population stock, the number of animals that will result in the maximum productivity of the population or the species, keeping in mind the carrying capacity of the habitat and the health of the ecosystem of which they form a constituent element.

(Added Pub. L. 114-92, div. A, title III, §312(a), Nov. 25, 2015, 129 Stat. 787, §7235; amended Pub. L. 115-91, div. A, title X, §1081(a)(50), Dec. 12, 2017, 131 Stat. 1597; renumbered §8635, Pub. L. 115-232, div. A, title VIII, §807(d)(1), Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 1836.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Endangered Species Act of 1973, referred to in subsec. (f)(2)(A), is Pub. L. 93-205, Dec. 28, 1973, 87 Stat. 884, which is classified principally to chapter 35 (§1531 et seq.) of Title 16, Conservation. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 1531 of Title 16 and Tables.

The Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, referred to in subsec. (f)(2)(B), is Pub. L. 92-522, Oct. 21, 1972, 86 Stat. 1027, which is classified generally to chapter 31 (§1361 et seq.) of Title 16, Conservation. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 1361 of Title 16 and Tables.

Section 315 of the Bob Stump National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2003, referred to in subsec. (f)(4), is section 315 of Pub. L. 107-314, which is set out as a note under section 703 of Title 16, Conservation.

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 8635, act Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 532, set forth restrictions on civilian employment

for enlisted members of Air Force on active duty, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 90-235, §6(a)(7), Jan. 2, 1968, 81 Stat. 762.

A prior section 8639 was renumbered section 9239 of this title.

AMENDMENTS

2018—Pub. L. 115-232 renumbered section 7235 of this title as this section.

2017—Subsec. (e)(2). Pub. L. 115-91 substituted “November 25, 2017,” for “24 months after the date of the enactment of this section”.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2018 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 115-232 effective Feb. 1, 2019, with provision for the coordination of amendments and special rule for certain redesignations, see section 800 of Pub. L. 115-232, set out as a note preceding section 3001 of this title.

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AMENDMENTS

2019—Pub. L. 116-92, div. A, title I, §121(b), title X, §1034(b), Dec. 20, 2019, 133 Stat. 1234, 1583, added items 8669b and 8692.

2018—Pub. L. 115-232, div. A, title VIII, §807(e)(4), (f)(1), Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 1838, redesignated chapter 633 of this title as this chapter and items 7291 to 7294, 7297, 7299 to 7301, and 7303 to 7321 as 8661 to 8664, 8667, 8669 to 8671, and 8673 to 8691, respectively.

Pub. L. 115-232, div. A, title III, §323(a)(2), title X, §§1015(b)(2), 1016(b), Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 1720, 1949, 1951, added items 7320 and 7321 and struck out item 7295 “Vessels: under-age”.

Pub. L. 115-91, div. C, title XXXI, §3115(b)(2), Dec. 12, 2017, 131 Stat. 1887, added item 7319.

2016—Pub. L. 114-328, div. A, title X, §1022(a)(2), (b), Dec. 23, 2016, 130 Stat. 2388, added item 7318, effective on the later of the date of enactment of the National Defense Authorization for Fiscal Year 2018 or Sept. 30, 2017.

Pub. L. 114-328, div. A, title I, §121(a)(2), Dec. 23, 2016, 130 Stat. 2030, added item 7301.

2013—Pub. L. 113-66, div. A, title X, §1022(e)(2), Dec. 26, 2013, 127 Stat. 846, substituted “Vessels stricken from Naval Vessel Register; captured vessels: conveyance by donation” for “Vessels stricken from Naval Vessel Register; captured vessels: transfer by gift or otherwise” in item 7306.

2011—Pub. L. 112-81, div. A, title X, §1061(27)(B), Dec. 31, 2011, 125 Stat. 1584, struck out item 7296 “Combatant surface vessels: notice before reduction in number; preservation of surge capability”.

Pub. L. 111-350, §5(b)(51), Jan. 4, 2011, 124 Stat. 3846, substituted “chapter 65 of title 41” for “Walsh-Healey Act” in item 7299.

2009—Pub. L. 111-84, div. A, title X, §1073(a)(30), Oct. 28, 2009, 123 Stat. 2474, inserted period after “thereof” in item 7317.

2008—Pub. L. 110-417, [div. A], title VIII, §825(b), Oct. 14, 2008, 122 Stat. 4534, added item 7317.

2004—Pub. L. 108-375, div. A, title X, §§1011(b), 1012(a)(2), Oct. 28, 2004, 118 Stat. 2039, 2040, added items 7305a and 7312.

2003—Pub. L. 108-136, div. A, title X, §§1013(b), 1015(b), Nov. 24, 2003, 117 Stat. 1591, 1592, added items 7306b and 7316.

2002—Pub. L. 107-314, div. A, title X, §1021(b)(2), Dec. 2, 2002, 116 Stat. 2639, added item 7296.

1999—Pub. L. 106-65, div. A, title X, §1016(b), Oct. 5, 1999, 113 Stat. 744, added item 7300.

1997—Pub. L. 105-85, div. A, title X, §1027(a)(2), Nov. 18, 1997, 111 Stat. 1879, added item 7315.

1996—Pub. L. 104-106, div. A, title VIII, §815(b), Feb. 10, 1996, 110 Stat. 396, added item 7299.

1994—Pub. L. 103-355, title II, §2001(j)(3)(A), title III, §§3023(b), 3024(b), Oct. 13, 1994, 108 Stat. 3303, 3333, 3334, struck out items 7299 “Contracts: application of Public Contracts Act”, 7302 “Construction on Pacific Coast”, and 7312 “Repair or maintenance of naval vessels: progress payments under certain contracts”.

1993—Pub. L. 103-160, div. A, title VIII, §828(a)(7), (c)(7), Nov. 30, 1993, 107 Stat. 1713, 1714, struck out items 7296 “Appropriations: available for other purposes”, 7298 “Conversion of combatants and auxiliaries”, and 7301 “Bids on construction: estimates required”, substituted “Examination of vessels; striking of vessels” for “Examination by board: unfit vessel stricken” in item 7304, “Vessels stricken from Naval Vessel Register: sale” for “Sale of vessel stricken from Naval Vessel Register” in item 7305, and “Vessels stricken from Naval Vessel Register; captured vessels: transfer by gift or otherwise” for “Use for experimental purposes” in

item 7306, added item 7306a, substituted “Disposals to foreign nations” for “Restriction on disposal” in item 7307, “Chief of Naval Operations: certification required for disposal of combatant vessels” for “Transfer or gift of obsolete, condemned, or captured vessels” in item 7308, “Construction of vessels in foreign shipyards: prohibition” for “Restrictions on construction or repair of vessels in foreign shipyards” in item 7309, and “Overhaul, repair, etc. of vessels in foreign shipyards: restrictions” for “Policy in constructing combatant vessels” in item 7310.

1989—Pub. L. 101-189, div. A, title XVI, §1622(a), Nov. 29, 1989, 103 Stat. 1604, redesignated item 7313 “Overhaul of naval vessels: competition between public and private shipyards” as 7314.

1988—Pub. L. 100-456, div. A, title XII, §§1224(b)(2), 1225(a)(2), Sept. 29, 1988, 102 Stat. 2054, 2055, substituted “Restrictions on construction or repair” for “Restriction on construction” in item 7309 and added item 7313 “Overhaul of naval vessels: competition between public and private shipyards”.

Pub. L. 100-370, §1(n)(2), July 19, 1988, 102 Stat. 850, added item 7313 “Ship overhaul work: availability of appropriations for unusual cost overruns and for changes in scope of work”.

1987—Pub. L. 100-180, div. A, title XI, §1102(a)(2), Dec. 4, 1987, 101 Stat. 1145, added item 7312.

1986—Pub. L. 99-661, div. A, title XII, §1202(b), Nov. 14, 1986, 100 Stat. 3968, added item 7311.

1985—Pub. L. 99-145, title XIII, §1303(a)(24)(B), Nov. 8, 1985, 99 Stat. 740, struck out “naval” before “vessels” in item 7309.

1982—Pub. L. 97-295, §1(48)(B), Oct. 12, 1982, 96 Stat. 1298, added item 7299a.

Pub. L. 97-295, §1(49)(B), Oct. 12, 1982, 96 Stat. 1299, added item 7310.

Pub. L. 97-252, title XI, §1127(b), Sept. 8, 1982, 96 Stat. 759, added item 7309.

1981—Pub. L. 97-86, title IX, §911(b)(2), Dec. 1, 1981, 95 Stat. 1122, struck out item 7300 “Contracts for construction: profit limitation”.

§ 8661. Classification

The President may establish, and from time to time modify, as the needs of the service require, a classification of naval vessels.

(Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 448, §7291; renumbered §8661, Pub. L. 115-232, div. A, title VIII, §807(d)(2), Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 1836.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
7291	34 U.S.C. 451 (as applicable to classification of vessels).	Mar. 3, 1901, ch. 852 (last par. as applicable to classification of vessels), 31 Stat. 1133.

AMENDMENTS

2018—Pub. L. 115-232 renumbered section 7291 of this title as this section.

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Amendment by Pub. L. 115-232 effective Feb. 1, 2019, with provision for the coordination of amendments and special rule for certain redesignations, see section 800 of Pub. L. 115-232, set out as a note preceding section 3001 of this title.

POLICY OF THE UNITED STATES ON MINIMUM NUMBER OF BATTLE FORCE SHIPS

Pub. L. 115-91, div. A, title X, §1025, Dec. 12, 2017, 131 Stat. 1549, provided that:

“(a) POLICY.—It shall be the policy of the United States to have available, as soon as practicable, not fewer than 355 battle force ships, comprised of the optimal mix of platforms, with funding subject to the availability of appropriations or other funds.