

**CHAPTER 20—NATIONAL FISHERIES CENTER
AND AQUARIUM**

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§ 1051. Authorization of Administrator of General Services

(a) Planning, construction, and maintenance of Center and Aquarium

The Administrator of General Services (hereinafter referred to as the "Administrator") is authorized to plan, construct, and maintain a National Fisheries Center and Aquarium in the District of Columbia or its vicinity for research in fisheries and for the display of fresh water and marine fishes and other aquatic resources for educational, recreational, cultural, and scientific purposes.

(b) Use, purchase, lease, etc. of Federal lands

The Administrator is further authorized to use Federal land and property for purposes of this chapter with the consent of the particular agency having administrative jurisdiction thereover, and, if said property is unavailable for purposes hereof, he may purchase, lease, or otherwise acquire such lands, waters, and interests therein, as he may deem necessary to carry out the provisions of subsection (a) of this section.

(Pub. L. 87-758, §1, Oct. 9, 1962, 76 Stat. 752.)

§ 1052. Authorization of Secretary of the Interior

(a) Operation of Center and Aquarium

The Secretary of the Interior (hereinafter referred to as the "Secretary") shall operate the National Fisheries Center and Aquarium.

(b) Specimens and exhibits; catalogs and other printed matter and films, animations and photographic and other material; employment of experts, consultants, and organizations; use of auditorium and other areas; use of facilities by foreigners

The Secretary is further authorized to—

(1) construct, purchase or lease, and operate and maintain vessels for specimen collecting purposes and, without regard to section 6101 of title 41, to contract for such collection of specimens and to purchase or exchange specimens and exhibit materials;

(2) prepare for free distribution or exhibit or to offer for sale at cost illustrated catalogs of specimens, brochures, and other printed matter and films, animations and photographic and other material pertaining to the National Fisheries Center and Aquarium and its objectives and to aquariums generally, all or any of which may be reproduced by any printing or other process without regard to existing regulations, the proceeds of sales to be covered into the United States Treasury;

(3) employ, as authorized by section 3109 of title 5, but at rates not to exceed \$50 per diem plus expenses, experts, consultants, or organizations thereof, as required to assist with the planning, design, construction, and operation of the National Fisheries Center and Aquarium;

(4) permit on such terms and conditions as he shall consider to be in the public interest the use of auditorium and other areas for meetings and exhibits of societies and groups whose purposes are related to fish and wildlife generally; and

(5) encourage the use of the educational and scientific facilities and equipment at the National Fisheries Center and Aquarium by individuals of any nation with which the United States maintains diplomatic relations and which extends similar use of its educational and scientific facilities and equipment to citizens of the United States.

(Pub. L. 87-758, §2, Oct. 9, 1962, 76 Stat. 752.)

CODIFICATION

In subsec. (b)(1), "section 6101 of title 41" substituted for "section 3709 of the Revised Statutes of the United States (41 U.S.C. 5)" on authority of Pub. L. 111-350, §6(c), Jan. 4, 2011, 124 Stat. 3854, which Act enacted Title 41, Public Contracts.

In subsec. (b)(3), "section 3109 of title 5" substituted for "section 15 of the Administrative Expenses Act of 1946 (5 U.S.C. 55a)" on authority of Pub. L. 89-554, §7(b), Sept. 6, 1966, 80 Stat. 631, the first section of which enacted Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.

§ 1053. Delegation of responsibility for operation

The Secretary shall assign the responsibility for the operation of the National Fisheries Center and Aquarium and related activities to that branch of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service having as its major activity the rearing and holding of living fishes, including the operation of aquariums.

(Pub. L. 87-758, §3, Oct. 9, 1962, 76 Stat. 753; Pub. L. 93-271, §1(3), Apr. 22, 1974, 88 Stat. 92.)

CHANGE OF NAME

"United States Fish and Wildlife Service" substituted in text for "Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife" on authority of Pub. L. 93-271, §1(3), which is classified to section 742b(c) of this title.

§ 1054. Advisory Board; establishment; meetings; functions; quorum; executive secretary

There is established a nonpartisan Advisory Board to be known as the National Fisheries Center and Aquarium Advisory Board. The Advisory Board shall meet from time to time on the call of the Chairman. The functions of the Board shall be to render advice and to submit recommendations to the Secretary of the Interior upon his request, or upon its own initiative, concerning the management and operation of the National Fisheries Center and Aquarium. Five members shall constitute a quorum to transact business. The Secretary may designate an employee of the Department to serve as Executive Secretary to the Board.

(Pub. L. 87-758, §4, Oct. 9, 1962, 76 Stat. 753.)