

shall be Alaska Natives. Members of the advisory committee may attend all meetings of the Panel, and shall be given the opportunity to examine and be heard on any matter under consideration by the Panel.

**(b) Compensation**

The members of such advisory committee shall receive no compensation for their services.

**(c) Term length**

Members of such advisory committee shall serve 2-year terms. Any individual appointed to fill a vacancy occurring before the expiration of any term shall be appointed for the remainder of that term.

**(d) Reappointment**

Members of such advisory committee shall be eligible for reappointment.

(Pub. L. 106-450, title II, §203, Nov. 7, 2000, 114 Stat. 1943.)

**§ 5723. Exemption**

The Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.) shall not apply to the Panel or to an advisory committee established under section 5722 of this title.

(Pub. L. 106-450, title II, §204, Nov. 7, 2000, 114 Stat. 1943.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Federal Advisory Committee Act, referred to in text, is Pub. L. 92-463, Oct. 6, 1972, 86 Stat. 770, as amended, which is set out in the Appendix to Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.

**§ 5724. Authority and responsibility**

**(a) Responsible management entity**

The State of Alaska Department of Fish and Game shall be the responsible management entity for the United States for the purposes of any agreement with Canada regarding management of salmon stocks originating from the Yukon River in Canada.

**(b) Effect of designation**

The designation under subsection (a) shall not be considered to expand, diminish, or otherwise change the management authority of the State of Alaska or the Federal Government with respect to fishery resources.

**(c) Recommendations of Panel**

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

(Pub. L. 106-450, title II, §205, Nov. 7, 2000, 114 Stat. 1943.)

**§ 5725. Administrative matters**

**(a) Compensation**

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 necessary expenses**

Travel and other necessary expenses shall be paid by the Secretary of the Interior for all Panel members, alternate Panel members, and members of any advisory committee established under section 5722 of this title when engaged in the actual performance of duties.

**(c) Treatment as Federal employees**

Except for officials of the United States Government, all Panel members, alternate Panel members, and members of any advisory committee established under section 5722 of this title 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. 106-450, title II, §206, Nov. 7, 2000, 114 Stat. 1943.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

GS-15 of the General Schedule, referred to in subsec. (a), is set out under section 5332 of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.

**§ 5726. Yukon River salmon stock restoration and enhancement projects**

**(a) In general**

The Secretary of the Interior, in consultation with the Secretary of Commerce, may carry out projects to restore or enhance salmon stocks originating from the Yukon River in Canada and the United States.

**(b) Cooperation with Canada**

If there is in effect an agreement between the Government of the United States and the Government of Canada for the conservation of salmon stocks originating from the Yukon River in Canada that includes provisions governing projects authorized under this section, then—

(1) projects under this section shall be carried out in accordance with that agreement; and

(2) amounts available for projects under this section—

(A) shall be expended in accordance with the agreement; and

(B) may be deposited in any joint account established by the agreement to fund such projects.

(Pub. L. 106-450, title II, §207, Nov. 7, 2000, 114 Stat. 1944.)

**§ 5727. Authorization of appropriations**

There are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary of the Interior to carry out this subchapter \$4,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2007 through 2011 of which—

<sup>1</sup> So in original. Probably should be "171".