

apply and the extent to which such laws and regulations are enforced.

(Pub. L. 109-479, title V, § 508, Jan. 12, 2007, 120 Stat. 3642.)

#### § 6908. Territorial participation

The Secretary of State shall ensure participation in the Commission and its subsidiary bodies by American Samoa, Guam, and the Northern Mariana Islands to the same extent provided to the territories of other nations.

(Pub. L. 109-479, title V, § 509, Jan. 12, 2007, 120 Stat. 3643.)

#### § 6909. Exclusive Economic Zone notification

Masters of commercial fishing vessels of nations fishing for species under the management authority of the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Convention that do not carry vessel monitoring systems capable of communicating with United States enforcement authorities shall, prior to, or as soon as reasonably possible after, entering and transiting the Exclusive Economic Zone seaward of Hawaii and of the Commonwealths, territories, and possessions of the United States in the Pacific Ocean area—

(1) notify the United States Coast Guard or the National Marine Fisheries Service Office of Law Enforcement in the appropriate region of the name, flag state, location, route, and destination of the vessel and of the circumstances under which it will enter United States waters;

(2) ensure that all fishing gear on board the vessel is stowed below deck or otherwise removed from the place where it is normally used for fishing and placed where it is not readily available for fishing; and

(3) where requested by an enforcement officer, proceed to a specified location so that a vessel inspection can be conducted.

(Pub. L. 109-479, title V, § 510, Jan. 12, 2007, 120 Stat. 3643.)

#### § 6909a. United States conservation, management, and enforcement objectives

The Secretary, in consultation with the Secretary of State, in the course of negotiations, shall seek—

(1) to minimize any disadvantage to United States fishermen in relation to other members of the Commission;

(2) to maximize the opportunities for fishing vessels of the United States to harvest fish stocks on the high seas in the Convention area, recognizing that such harvests may be restricted if the Commission, based on the best available scientific information provided by the Scientific Committee, determines it is necessary to achieve the conservation objective set forth in Article 2 of the Convention;

(3) to prevent any requirement for the transfer to other nations or foreign entities of the fishing capacity, fishing capacity rights, or fishing vessels of the United States or its territories, unless any such requirement is voluntary and market-based; and

(4) to ensure that conservation and management measures take into consideration tradi-

tional fishing patterns of fishing vessels of the United States and the operating requirements of the fisheries covered by the Western and Central Pacific Convention.

(Pub. L. 109-479, title V, § 511, as added Pub. L. 114-327, title III, § 301(a)(2), Dec. 16, 2016, 130 Stat. 1994.)

#### PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 511 of Pub. L. 109-479 was renumbered section 512 and is classified to section 6910 of this title.

#### § 6910. Authorization of appropriations

There are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary of Commerce such sums as may be necessary to carry out this chapter and to pay the United States' contribution to the Commission under section 5 of part III of the WCPFC Convention.

(Pub. L. 109-479, title V, § 512, formerly § 511, Jan. 12, 2007, 120 Stat. 3644; renumbered § 512, Pub. L. 114-327, title III, § 301(a)(2), Dec. 16, 2016, 130 Stat. 1994.)

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#### § 7001. Definitions

In this chapter:

##### (1) Advisory panel

The term “advisory panel” means the Advisory Panel on Pacific Hake/Whiting established by the Agreement.

##### (2) Agreement

The term “Agreement” means the Agreement between the Government of the United States and the Government of Canada on Pacific Hake/Whiting, signed at Seattle, Washington, on November 21, 2003.

##### (3) Catch

The term “catch” means all fishery removals from the offshore whiting resource, including landings, discards, and bycatch in other fisheries.

##### (4) Joint management committee

The term “joint management committee” means the joint management committee established by the Agreement.

##### (5) Joint technical committee

The term “joint technical committee” means the joint technical committee established by the Agreement.

##### (6) Offshore whiting resource

The term “offshore whiting resource” means the transboundary stock of Merluccius