

§ 7707. Cooperation in carrying out Convention**(a) Federal and State agencies; private institutions and organizations**

The Secretary may cooperate with any Federal agency, any public or private institution or organization within the United States or abroad, and, through the Secretary of State, a duly authorized official of the government of any party to the North Pacific Fisheries Convention, in carrying out responsibilities under this chapter.

(b) Scientific and other programs; facilities and personnel

Each Federal agency may, upon the request of the Secretary, cooperate in the conduct of scientific and other programs and furnish facilities and personnel for the purpose of assisting the Commission in carrying out its duties under the North Pacific Fisheries Convention.

(c) Sanctioned fishing operations and biological experiments

Nothing in this chapter, or in the laws of any State, prevents the Secretary or the Commission from—

- (1) conducting or authorizing the conduct of fishing operations and biological experiments at any time for purposes of scientific investigation; or
- (2) discharging any other duties prescribed by the North Pacific Fisheries Convention.

(d) State jurisdiction not affected

Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to diminish or to increase the jurisdiction of any State in the territorial sea of the United States.

(Pub. L. 114-327, title I, §107, Dec. 16, 2016, 130 Stat. 1983.)

§ 7708. Territorial participation

The Secretary of State shall ensure participation in the Commission and its subsidiary bodies by the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, American Samoa, and Guam to the extent allowed under United States law.

(Pub. L. 114-327, title I, §108, Dec. 16, 2016, 130 Stat. 1984.)

§ 7709. Exclusive economic zone notification

Masters of commercial fishing vessels of countries fishing under the management authority of the North 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 bounded by the Convention Area, ensure that all fishing gear on board the vessel is stowed below deck or otherwise removed from the place it is normally used for fishing activities and placed where it is not readily available for fishing activities.

(Pub. L. 114-327, title I, §109, Dec. 16, 2016, 130 Stat. 1984.)

§ 7710. Authorization of appropriations

There is authorized to be appropriated out of funds made available to the Secretary and the Secretary of State \$300,000 for each of fiscal

years 2017 through 2021 to carry out this chapter and to pay the United States contribution to the Commission under Article 12 of the North Pacific Fisheries Convention.

(Pub. L. 114-327, title I, §110, Dec. 16, 2016, 130 Stat. 1984.)

CHAPTER 97—CONVENTION ON THE CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT OF HIGH SEAS FISHERY RESOURCES IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC

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§ 7801. Definitions

In this chapter:

(1) 1982 Convention

The term “1982 Convention” means the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982.

(2) Commission

The term “Commission” means the Commission of the South Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Organization established in accordance with the South Pacific Fishery Resources Convention.

(3) Convention Area

The term “Convention Area” means the area to which the Convention on the Conservation and Management of High Seas Fishery Resources in the South Pacific Ocean applies under Article 5 of such Convention.

(4) Council

The term “Council” means the Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council.

(5) Exclusive economic zone

The term “exclusive economic zone” means—

(A) with respect to the United States, the zone established by Presidential Proclamation Numbered 5030 of March 10, 1983 (16 U.S.C. 1453 note); and

(B) with respect to a foreign country, a designated zone similar to the zone referred to in subparagraph (A) for that country, consistent with international law.

(6) Fishery resources

The term “fishery resources” means all fish, mollusks, crustaceans, and other marine species, and any products thereof, caught by a fishing vessel within the Convention Area, but excluding—

(A) sedentary species insofar as they are subject to the national jurisdiction of coastal States pursuant to Article 77 paragraph 4 of the 1982 Convention;