

serve on the scientific review group while serving on the joint technical committee.

**(b) Term**

An individual appointed under subsection (a) shall be appointed for a term of not to exceed 4 years, but shall be eligible for reappointment. An individual appointed to fill a vacancy occurring prior to the expiration of a term of office of that individual's predecessor shall be appointed to serve for the remainder of that term.

**(c) Joint appointments**

In addition to individuals appointed under subsection (a), the Secretary, jointly with the Government of Canada, may appoint to the scientific review group, from a list of names provided by the advisory panel—

- (1) up to 2 independent members of the scientific review group; and
- (2) 2 public advisors.

(Pub. L. 109-479, title VI, §604, Jan. 12, 2007, 120 Stat. 3645.)

**§ 7004. United States representation on joint technical committee**

**(a) Scientific experts**

**(1) In general**

The Secretary, in consultation with the Secretary of State, shall appoint no more than 2 individuals to serve as scientific experts on the joint technical committee, at least 1 of whom shall be an official of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

**(2) Term of office**

An individual appointed under paragraph (1) shall be appointed for a term of not to exceed 4 years, but shall be eligible for reappointment. An individual appointed to fill a vacancy occurring prior to the expiration of the term of office of that individual's predecessor shall be appointed for the remainder of that term.

**(b) Independent member**

In addition to individuals appointed under subsection (a), the Secretary, jointly with the Government of Canada, shall appoint 1 independent member to the joint technical committee selected from a list of names provided by the advisory panel.

(Pub. L. 109-479, title VI, §605, Jan. 12, 2007, 120 Stat. 3646; Pub. L. 111-348, title III, §302(a), Jan. 4, 2011, 124 Stat. 3672.)

AMENDMENTS

2011—Subsec. (a)(1). Pub. L. 111-348 substituted “no more than 2” for “at least 6 but not more than 12”.

**§ 7005. United States representation on advisory panel**

**(a) In general**

**(1) Appointment**

The Secretary, in consultation with the Secretary of State, shall appoint at least 6 but not more than 12 individuals to serve as members of the advisory panel, selected from among individuals who are—

- (A) knowledgeable or experienced in the harvesting, processing, marketing, manage-

ment, conservation, or research of the offshore whiting resource; and

- (B) not employees of the United States.

**(2) Term of office**

An individual appointed under paragraph (1) shall be appointed for a term of not to exceed 4 years, but shall be eligible for reappointment. An individual appointed to fill a vacancy occurring prior to the expiration of the term of office of that individual's predecessor shall be appointed for the remainder of that term.

(Pub. L. 109-479, title VI, §606, Jan. 12, 2007, 120 Stat. 3646.)

**§ 7006. Responsibilities of the Secretary**

**(a) In general**

The Secretary is responsible for carrying out the Agreement and this chapter, including the authority, to be exercised in consultation with the Secretary of State, to accept or reject, on behalf of the United States, recommendations made by the joint management committee.

**(b) Regulations; cooperation with Canadian officials**

In exercising responsibilities under this chapter, the Secretary—

- (1) may promulgate such regulations as may be necessary to carry out the purposes and objectives of the Agreement and this chapter; and

- (2) with the concurrence of the Secretary of State, may cooperate with officials of the Canadian Government duly authorized to carry out the Agreement.

(Pub. L. 109-479, title VI, §607, Jan. 12, 2007, 120 Stat. 3646.)

**§ 7007. Rulemaking**

**(a) Application with Magnuson-Stevens Act**

The Secretary shall establish the United States catch level for Pacific whiting according to the standards and procedures of the Agreement and this chapter rather than under the standards and procedures of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1801 et seq.), except to the extent necessary to address the rebuilding needs of other species. Except for establishing the catch level, all other aspects of Pacific whiting management shall be—

- (1) subject to the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act; and
- (2) consistent with this chapter.

**(b) Joint management committee recommendations**

For any year in which both parties to the Agreement approve recommendations made by the joint management committee with respect to the catch level, the Secretary shall implement the approved recommendations. Any regulation promulgated by the Secretary to implement any such recommendation shall apply, as necessary, to all persons and all vessels subject to the jurisdiction of the United States wherever located.