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## REFERENCES IN TEXT

Rule 1, referred to in pars. (a) and (b), was classified to section 2001 of this title, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 108-293, title III, § 303(a), (c), Aug. 9, 2004, 118 Stat. 1042, effective May 17, 2010.

## CODIFICATION

In subsec. (d)(1), “section 60105 of title 46” substituted for “section 4197 of the Revised Statutes of the United States (46 App. U.S.C. 91)” on authority of Pub. L. 109-304, § 18(c), Oct. 6, 2006, 120 Stat. 1709, which Act enacted section 60105 of Title 46, Shipping.

## AMENDMENTS

1996—Par. (d). Pub. L. 104-324 inserted heading and amended text generally. Prior to amendment, text read as follows: “The Secretary of the Treasury shall withhold or revoke, at the request of the Secretary, the clearance, required by section 91 of title 46, Appendix, of any vessel, the owner or operator of which is subject to any of the penalties in this section. Clearance may be granted in such cases upon the filing of a bond or other surety satisfactory to the Secretary.”

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## EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective 12 months after Dec. 24, 1981, see section 7 of Pub. L. 96-591, set out as an Effective Date of 1980 Amendment note under section 1604 of this title.

**§ 2073. Repealed. Pub. L. 115-282, title VI, § 601(c)(5), Dec. 4, 2018, 132 Stat. 4290**

Section, Pub. L. 96-591, § 5, Dec. 24, 1980, 94 Stat. 3434; Pub. L. 97-322, title I, § 118(c), Oct. 15, 1982, 96 Stat. 1586; Pub. L. 98-557, § 16(b)(2), Oct. 30, 1984, 98 Stat. 2866; Pub. L. 101-225, title I, § 105(a)(1), Dec. 12, 1989, 103 Stat. 1909; Pub. L. 104-324, title III, § 304(a), (g), Oct. 19, 1996, 110 Stat. 3917, 3918; Pub. L. 107-295, title III, § 334, Nov. 25, 2002, 116 Stat. 2105; Pub. L. 108-293, title IV, § 418(e), Aug. 9, 2004, 118 Stat. 1049; Pub. L. 111-281, title VI, § 621(f), Oct. 15, 2010, 124 Stat. 2977, related to the establishment of the Navigation Safety Advisory Council. See section 15107 of Title 46, Shipping.

**CHAPTER 35—ARTIFICIAL REEFS**

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**§ 2101. Congressional statement of findings and purpose**

(a) The Congress finds that—

(1) although fishery products provide an important source of protein and industrial products for United States consumption, United States fishery production annually falls far short of satisfying United States demand;

(2) overfishing and the degradation of vital fishery resource habitats have caused a reduction in the abundance and diversity of United States fishery resources;

(3) escalated energy costs have had a negative effect on the economics of United States commercial and recreational fisheries;

(4) commercial and recreational fisheries are a prominent factor in United States coastal

economies and the direct and indirect returns to the United States economy from commercial and recreational fishing expenditures are threefold; and

(5) properly designed, constructed, and located artificial reefs in waters covered under this chapter can enhance the habitat and diversity of fishery resources; enhance United States recreational and commercial fishing opportunities; increase the production of fishery products in the United States; increase the energy efficiency of recreational and commercial fisheries; and contribute to the United States and coastal economies.

(b) The purpose of this chapter is to promote and facilitate responsible and effective efforts to establish artificial reefs in waters covered under this chapter.

(Pub. L. 98-623, title II, § 202, Nov. 8, 1984, 98 Stat. 3394.)

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This chapter, referred to in text, was in the original “this title”, meaning title II of Pub. L. 98-623, which in addition to enacting this chapter also enacted section 1220d of Title 16, Conservation, and amended sections 1220, 1220a, 1220b, and 1220c of Title 16.

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## SHORT TITLE

Pub. L. 98-623, title II, § 201, Nov. 8, 1984, 98 Stat. 3394, provided that: “This title [enacting this chapter and section 1220d of Title 16, Conservation, and amending sections 1220 to 1220c of Title 16] may be cited as the ‘National Fishing Enhancement Act of 1984.’”

**§ 2102. Establishment of standards**

Based on the best scientific information available, artificial reefs in waters covered under this chapter shall be sited and constructed, and subsequently monitored and managed in a manner which will—

(1) enhance fishery resources to the maximum extent practicable;

(2) facilitate access and utilization by United States recreational and commercial fishermen;

(3) minimize conflicts among competing uses of waters covered under this chapter and the resources in such waters;

(4) minimize environmental risks and risks to personal health and property; and

(5) be consistent with generally accepted principles of international law and shall not create any unreasonable obstruction to navigation.

(Pub. L. 98-623, title II, § 203, Nov. 8, 1984, 98 Stat. 3395.)

**§ 2103. National artificial reef plan**

Not later than one year after November 8, 1984, the Secretary of Commerce, in consultation with the Secretary of the Interior, the Secretary of Defense, the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, the Secretary of the Department in which the Coast Guard is operating, the Regional Fishery Management<sup>1</sup> Coun-

<sup>1</sup> So in original. Probably should be “Management”.