

**(3) Reappointment**

An alternate commissioner—

(A) shall be eligible for reappointment by the President; and

(B) may attend all meetings of the United States section.

**(c) Duties**

The members of the United States section may carry out the functions and responsibilities described in article 8 of the Agreement in accordance with this subchapter and the Agreement.

**(d) Compensation and expenses****(1) Compensation**

A member of the United States section shall serve without compensation.

**(2) Travel expenses**

A member of the United States section shall be allowed travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, at rates authorized for an employee of an agency under subchapter I of chapter 57 of title 5 while away from the home or regular place of business of the member in the performance of the duties of the United States-Russia Polar Bear Commission.

**(e) Agency designation**

The United States section shall, for the purpose of title 28 relating to claims against the United States and tort claims procedure, be considered to be a Federal agency.

(Pub. L. 92-522, title V, §505, as added Pub. L. 109-479, title IX, §902(a), Jan. 12, 2007, 120 Stat. 3663.)

**§ 1423e. Votes taken by the United States section on matters before the Commission**

In accordance with paragraph 3 of article 8 of the Agreement, the United States section, made up of commissioners appointed by the President, shall vote on any issue before the United States-Russia Polar Bear Commission only if there is no disagreement between the United States commissioners regarding the vote.

(Pub. L. 92-522, title V, §506, as added Pub. L. 109-479, title IX, §902(a), Jan. 12, 2007, 120 Stat. 3664.)

**§ 1423f. Implementation of actions taken by the Commission****(a) In general**

The Secretary shall take all necessary actions to implement the decisions and determinations of the Commission under paragraph 7 of article 8 of the Agreement.

**(b) Taking limitation**

Not later than 60 days after the date on which the Secretary receives notice of the determination of the Commission of an annual taking limit, or of the adoption by the Commission of other restriction on the taking of polar bears for subsistence purposes, the Secretary shall publish a notice in the Federal Register announcing the determination or restriction.

(Pub. L. 92-522, title V, §507, as added Pub. L. 109-479, title IX, §902(a), Jan. 12, 2007, 120 Stat. 3664.)

**§ 1423g. Application with other subchapters of chapter****(a) In general**

The authority of the Secretary under this subchapter is in addition to, and shall not affect—

(1) the authority of the Secretary under other subchapters<sup>1</sup> of this chapter or the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 (16 U.S.C. 3371 et seq.) or the exemption for Alaskan natives under section 1371(b) of this title as applied to other marine mammal populations; or

(2) the authorities provided under subchapter III of this chapter.

**(b) Certain provisions inapplicable**

The provisions of subchapters II through V of this chapter do not apply with respect to the implementation or administration of this subchapter, except as specified in section 1423b of this title.

(Pub. L. 92-522, title V, §508, as added Pub. L. 109-479, title IX, §902(a), Jan. 12, 2007, 120 Stat. 3664.)

**Editorial Notes**

## REFERENCES IN TEXT

Other subchapters of this chapter, referred to in subsec. (a)(1), was in the original a reference to “other titles of this Act” meaning Pub. L. 92-522. Subchapter I of this chapter consists of sections of Pub. L. 92-522 that are not part of a title of that Act.

The Lacey Act Amendments of 1981, referred to in subsec. (a)(1), is Pub. L. 97-79, Nov. 16, 1981, 95 Stat. 1073, which enacted chapter 53 (§3371 et seq.) of this title, amended section 1540 of this title and section 42 of Title 18, Crimes and Criminal Procedure, repealed sections 667e and 851 to 856 of this title and sections 43, 44, 3054, and 3112 of Title 18, and enacted provisions set out as notes under sections 1540 and 3371 of this title. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 3371 of this title and Tables.

**§ 1423h. Authorization of appropriations****(a) In general**

There are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary to carry out the functions and responsibilities of the Secretary under this subchapter and the Agreement \$1,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2006 through 2010.

**(b) Commission**

There are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary to carry out functions and responsibilities of the United States Section<sup>1</sup> \$150,000 for each of fiscal years 2006 through 2010.

**(c) Alaskan cooperative management program**

There are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary to carry out this subchapter and the Agreement in Alaska \$150,000 for each of fiscal years 2006 through 2010.

(Pub. L. 92-522, title V, §509, as added Pub. L. 109-479, title IX, §902(a), Jan. 12, 2007, 120 Stat. 3665.)

**CHAPTER 32—MARINE SANCTUARIES**

Sec. 1431. Findings, purposes, and policies; establishment of system.

<sup>1</sup> See References in Text note below.

<sup>2</sup> So in original. Probably should not be capitalized.