

(f) Nonapplicability of Federal Advisory Committee Act

The Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.) shall not apply to any activity carried out under this section.

(Aug. 9, 1950, ch. 658, §14, as added Pub. L. 106-408, title I, §122(a), Nov. 1, 2000, 114 Stat. 1772.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Federal Advisory Committee Act, referred to in subsec. (f), is Pub. L. 92-463, Oct. 6, 1972, 86 Stat. 770, as amended, which is set out in the Appendix to Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in sections 777c, 777h of this title.

CHAPTER 10C—FISH RESEARCH AND EXPERIMENTATION PROGRAM

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§ 778. Establishment of experiment stations; purpose of research

The Secretary of Agriculture shall establish 1 or more centers for the purpose of carrying on a program of research and experimentation—

- (1) to determine species of fishes most suitable for culture on a commercial basis in shallow reservoirs and flooded rice lands;
- (2) to determine methods for production of fingerling fishes for stocking in commercial reservoirs;
- (3) to develop methods for the control of parasites and diseases of brood fishes and of fingerlings prior to stocking;
- (4) to develop economical methods for raising the more desirable species of fishes to a marketable size;
- (5) to determine, in cooperation with the Secretary of the Interior, the effects of fish-rice rotations, including crops other than rice commonly grown on rice farms, upon both the fish and other crops; and
- (6) to develop suitable methods for harvesting the fish crop and preparing it for marketing, including a study of sport fishing as a means of such harvest.

(Pub. L. 85-342, §1, Mar. 15, 1958, 72 Stat. 35; Pub. L. 104-127, title VIII, §889(a)(1), Apr. 4, 1996, 110 Stat. 1180.)

AMENDMENTS

1996—Pub. L. 104-127, in introductory provisions, substituted “Secretary of Agriculture shall” for “Secretary of the Interior is authorized and directed to” and “1 or more centers” for “an experiment station or stations” and, in par. (5), substituted “Secretary of the Interior” for “Department of Agriculture”.

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in section 778a of this title.

§ 778a. Acquisition of lands; construction of buildings; employment of personnel; cooperation with other agencies; publication of results

For the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this chapter, the Secretary of Agriculture is authorized (1) to acquire by purchase, condemnation, or otherwise such suitable lands, to construct such buildings, to acquire such equipment and apparatus, and to employ such officers and employees as he deems necessary; (2) to cooperate with State and other institutions and agencies upon such terms and conditions as he determines to be appropriate; and (3) to make public the results of such research and experiments conducted pursuant to section 778 of this title.

(Pub. L. 85-342, §2, Mar. 15, 1958, 72 Stat. 35; Pub. L. 104-127, title VIII, §889(a)(2), Apr. 4, 1996, 110 Stat. 1180.)

AMENDMENTS

1996—Pub. L. 104-127 substituted “the Secretary of Agriculture is authorized” for “the Secretary of the Interior is authorized”.

§ 778b. Cooperation with Secretary of the Interior

The Secretary of the Interior is authorized to cooperate in carrying out the provisions of this chapter by furnishing such information and assistance as may be requested by the Secretary of Agriculture.

(Pub. L. 85-342, §3, Mar. 15, 1958, 72 Stat. 35; Pub. L. 104-127, title VIII, §889(a)(3), Apr. 4, 1996, 110 Stat. 1180.)

AMENDMENTS

1996—Pub. L. 104-127 substituted “the Secretary of the Interior” for “The Department of Agriculture” and “requested by the Secretary of Agriculture” for “requested by the Secretary of the Interior”.

§ 778c. Authorization of appropriations

There are hereby authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this chapter.

(Pub. L. 85-342, §4, Mar. 15, 1958, 72 Stat. 35.)

§§ 778d to 778h. Omitted

CODIFICATION

Sections, Pub. L. 89-701, §§1-5, Nov. 2, 1966, 80 Stat. 1089, 1090, related to fish protein concentrate and authorized the Secretary of the Interior to promote studies, conduct research and experiments, and construct and lease experiment and demonstration plants. The authority of the Secretary under these sections expired at the expiration of five years from Nov. 2, 1966 by the express terms of section 778h of this title.

Section 778f was amended by Pub. L. 90-549, Oct. 4, 1968, 82 Stat. 936.

CHAPTER 10D—STATE COMMERCIAL FISHERIES RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS**§§ 779 to 779f. Repealed. Pub. L. 99-659, title III, § 309, Nov. 14, 1986, 100 Stat. 3736**

Section 779, Pub. L. 88-309, §2, May 20, 1964, 78 Stat. 197; 1970 Reorg. Plan No. 4, eff. Oct. 3, 1970, 35 F.R. 15627,

84 Stat. 2090; Pub. L. 94-273, §4(3), Apr. 21, 1976, 90 Stat. 377; Pub. L. 94-485, §1(1), Oct. 12, 1976, 90 Stat. 2326, defined terms used in this chapter.

Section 779a, Pub. L. 88-309, §3, May 20, 1964, 78 Stat. 197; 1970 Reorg. Plan No. 4, eff. Oct. 3, 1970, 35 F.R. 15627, 84 Stat. 2090, related to cooperation with States on projects for the research and development of commercial fisheries resources, joint projects between States, consent to interstate compacts, and reservation of right to alter, amend or repeal consent.

Section 779b, Pub. L. 88-309, §4, May 20, 1964, 78 Stat. 197; Pub. L. 90-551, §§1-3, Oct. 4, 1968, 82 Stat. 957; 1970 Reorg. Plan No. 4, eff. Oct. 3, 1970, 35 F.R. 15627, 84 Stat. 2090; Pub. L. 92-590, §§1-3, Oct. 27, 1972, 86 Stat. 1303; Pub. L. 95-53, June 22, 1977, 91 Stat. 249; Pub. L. 96-262, §1, June 5, 1980, 94 Stat. 437; Pub. L. 97-389, title I, §101, Dec. 29, 1982, 96 Stat. 1949, authorized appropriations to carry out this chapter.

Section 779c, Pub. L. 88-309, §5, May 20, 1964, 78 Stat. 198; Pub. L. 94-273, §3(3), Apr. 21, 1976, 90 Stat. 376; Pub. L. 94-485, §1(2), (3), Oct. 12, 1976, 90 Stat. 2326, provided for apportionment among States of funds appropriated under former section 779b of this title.

Section 779d, Pub. L. 88-309, §6, May 20, 1964, 78 Stat. 198; Pub. L. 94-485, §1(4), Oct. 12, 1976, 90 Stat. 2326, provided for approval of projects for funding, and payment of benefits, under this chapter.

Section 779e, Pub. L. 88-309, §7, May 20, 1964, 78 Stat. 199, related to working conditions on projects funded, and to disposal of property acquired, under this chapter.

Section 779f, Pub. L. 88-309, §8, May 20, 1964, 78 Stat. 199, authorized promulgation of rules and regulations.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF REPEAL

Repeal effective Oct. 1, 1987, see section 310 of Pub. L. 99-659, set out as an Effective Date note under section 4101 of this title.

CHAPTER 11—REGULATION OF LANDING, CURING, AND SALE OF SPONGES TAKEN FROM GULF OF MEXICO AND STRAITS OF FLORIDA

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§ 781. Taking or catching, in waters of Gulf or Straits of Florida, commercial sponges of less than prescribed size, and landing or possession of same

It is unlawful for any citizen of the United States, or person owing duty of obedience to the laws of the United States, or any boat or vessel of the United States, or person belonging to or on any such boat or vessel, to take or catch, by any means or method, in the waters of the Gulf of Mexico or the Straits of Florida outside of State territorial limits, any commercial sponges measuring when wet less than five inches in their maximum diameter, or for any person or vessel to land, deliver, cure, offer for sale, or have in possession at any port or place in the United States, or on any boat or vessel of the United States, any such commercial sponges.

(Aug. 15, 1914, ch. 253, §1, 38 Stat. 692.)

§ 782. Sponges of less than prescribed size; possession prima facie evidence

The presence of sponges of a diameter of less than five inches on any vessel or boat of the United States engaged in sponging in the waters of the Gulf of Mexico or the Straits of Florida outside of State territorial limits, or the possession of any sponges of less than the said diameter sold or delivered by such vessels, shall be prima facie evidence of a violation of the provisions of this chapter.

(Aug. 15, 1914, ch. 253, §2, 38 Stat. 692.)

§ 783. Punishment for violations of law; liability of vessels

Every person, partnership, or association guilty of a violation of the provisions of this chapter shall be liable to a fine of not more than \$500, and in addition such fine shall be a lien against the vessel or boat on which the offense is committed, and said vessel or boat shall be seized and proceeded against by process of libel in any court having jurisdiction of the offense.

(Aug. 15, 1914, ch. 253, §3, 38 Stat. 692.)

§ 784. Jurisdiction of prosecutions

Any violation of the provisions of this chapter shall be prosecuted in the district court of the United States of the district wherein the offender is found or into which he is first brought.

(Aug. 15, 1914, ch. 253, §4, 38 Stat. 692.)

§ 785. Enforcement of law prohibiting taking of sponges of specified sizes; employment of Coast Guard vessels and Customs Service employees

The Secretary of Commerce shall enforce the provisions of this chapter, and he is authorized to empower such officers and employees of the Department of Commerce as he may designate, or such officers and employees of other departments as may be detailed for the purpose, to make arrests and seize vessels and sponges, and upon his request the Secretary of the Treasury may employ the vessels of the Coast Guard or the employees of the Customs Service to that end.

(Aug. 15, 1914, ch. 253, §5, 38 Stat. 692; Jan. 28, 1915, ch. 20, §1, 38 Stat. 800; 1939 Reorg. Plan No. II, §4(e), eff. July 1, 1939, 4 F.R. 2731, 53 Stat. 1431; Aug. 4, 1949, ch. 393, §§1, 20, 63 Stat. 495, 561; 1970 Reorg. Plan No. 4, eff. Oct. 3, 1970, 35 F.R. 15627, 84 Stat. 2090.)

TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

For transfer of authorities, functions, personnel, and assets of the Coast Guard, including the authorities and functions of the Secretary of Transportation relating thereto, to the Department of Homeland Security, and for treatment of related references, see sections 468(b), 551(d), 552(d), and 557 of Title 6, Domestic Security, and the Department of Homeland Security Reorganization Plan of November 25, 2002, as modified, set out as a note under section 542 of Title 6.

For transfer of functions, personnel, assets, and liabilities of the United States Customs Service of the Department of the Treasury, including functions of the