

**§ 698j. Hunting, fishing, and trapping in Big Cypress Preserve and Addition authorized in accordance with applicable Federal and State laws; consultation with appropriate State agency prior to implementation of regulations restricting activities; land use and retention rights of Miccosukee and Seminole Indian Tribes**

The Secretary shall permit hunting, fishing, and trapping on lands and waters under his jurisdiction within the preserve and the Addition in accordance with the applicable laws of the United States and the State of Florida, except that he may designate zones where and periods when no hunting, fishing, trapping, or entry may be permitted for reasons of public safety, administration, floral and faunal protection and management, or public use and enjoyment. Except in emergencies, any regulations prescribing such restrictions relating to hunting, fishing, or trapping shall be put into effect only after consultation with the appropriate State agency having jurisdiction over hunting, fishing, and trapping activities. Notwithstanding this section or any other provision of sections 698f to 698m-4 of this title, members of the Miccosukee Tribe of Indians of Florida and members of the Seminole Tribe of Florida shall be permitted, subject to reasonable regulations established by the Secretary, to continue their usual and customary use and occupancy of Federal or federally acquired lands and waters within the preserve and the Addition, including hunting, fishing, and trapping on a subsistence basis and traditional tribal ceremonies.

(Pub. L. 93-440, § 5, Oct. 11, 1974, 88 Stat. 1260; Pub. L. 100-301, § 3(b), Apr. 29, 1988, 102 Stat. 444.)

**AMENDMENTS**

1988—Pub. L. 100-301 inserted “and the Addition” in two places.

**SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS**

This section is referred to in sections 698f, 698g, 698h, 698i, 698m of this title.

**§ 698k. Contracts for providing visitor services in Big Cypress Preserve and Addition; right of first refusal to Miccosukee and Seminole Tribes**

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, before entering into any contract for the provision of revenue producing visitor services,

(i) the Secretary shall offer those members of the Miccosukee and Seminole Indian Tribes who, on January 1, 1972 (January 1, 1985, in the case of the Addition), were engaged in the provision of similar services, a right of first refusal to continue providing such services within the preserve and the Addition subject to such terms and conditions as he may deem appropriate, and

(ii) before entering into any contract or agreement to provide new revenue-producing visitor services within the preserve or within the Addition, the Secretary shall offer to the Miccosukee Tribe of Indians of Florida and the Seminole Tribe of Florida the right of first refusal to provide such services, the right to be open for a period of ninety days. Should both

Tribes respond with proposals that satisfy the terms and conditions established by the Secretary, the Secretary may allow the Tribes an additional period of ninety days in which to enter into an inter-Tribal cooperative agreement to provide such visitor services, but if neither tribe responds with proposals that satisfy the terms and conditions established by the Secretary, then the Secretary shall provide such visitor services in accordance with subchapter IV of chapter 1 of this title. No such agreement may be assigned or otherwise transferred without the consent of the Secretary.

(Pub. L. 93-440, § 6, Oct. 11, 1974, 88 Stat. 1260; Pub. L. 100-301, § 3(d), Apr. 29, 1988, 102 Stat. 444.)

**AMENDMENTS**

1988—Pub. L. 100-301 in cl. (i) inserted “(January 1, 1985, in the case of the Addition)” after “1972” and “and the Addition” after “preserve”, and in cl. (ii) inserted “or within the Addition” after “preserve”.

**SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS**

This section is referred to in sections 698f, 698g, 698h, 698i, 698j, 698m of this title.

**§ 698l. Review of Big Cypress Preserve area and Addition area by Secretary; report to President**

Within five years from October 11, 1974, with respect to the preserve and five years from April 29, 1988, with respect to the Addition, the Secretary shall review the area within the preserve or the area within the Addition (as the case may be) and shall report to the President, in accordance with section 1132(c) and (d) of this title, his recommendations as to the suitability or non-suitability of any area within the preserve or the area within the Addition (as the case may be) for preservation as wilderness, and any designation of any such areas as a wilderness shall be accomplished in accordance with section 1132(c) and (d) of this title.

(Pub. L. 93-440, § 7, Oct. 11, 1974, 88 Stat. 1261; Pub. L. 100-301, § 3(c), Apr. 29, 1988, 102 Stat. 444.)

**AMENDMENTS**

1988—Pub. L. 100-301 inserted “with respect to the preserve and five years from April 29, 1988, with respect to the Addition” after “October 11, 1974,” and “or the area within the Addition (as the case may be)” after “preserve” in two places.

**SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS**

This section is referred to in sections 698f, 698g, 698h, 698i, 698j, 698m of this title.

**§ 698m. Authorization of appropriations for Big Cypress Preserve and Addition**

(a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, there are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of sections 698f to 698m-4 of this title, but not to exceed \$156,700,000 for the acquisition of lands and interests in lands and not to exceed \$900,000 for development. Any funds donated to the United States by the State of Florida pursuant to chapter 73-131 of the Florida statutes shall be used solely for the acquisition of lands and interests in land within the preserve.