

[CHAPTER 382]

AN ACT

To reduce in area the Parker River National Wildlife Refuge in Essex County, Massachusetts, and for other purposes.

June 3, 1948
[H. R. 3578]
[Public Law 579]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Parker River National Wildlife Refuge in Essex County, Massachusetts, is hereby reduced in area by eliminating therefrom those portions of the refuge designated and known as the Crane Pond, Downfall, and Mill Creek Areas, and the Secretary of the Interior is authorized and directed to dispose of all of the interests of the United States in such areas in accordance with the provisions of this Act.

Parker River National Wildlife Refuge, Mass.
Reduction of area.

SEC. 2. (a) Within ninety days following the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Interior shall mail, to each prior owner of such lands within the three areas designated in section 1 as have been acquired by the United States by direct purchase or the ownership of which has been determined and compensation therefor paid to the prior owner thereof in the condemnation proceeding entitled "United States v. 12,367.47 Acres More or Less of Land Situate in Essex County, Massachusetts, Civil No. 7010, in the District Court of the United States for the District of Massachusetts", or in any other condemnation proceeding instituted by the United States for the acquisition of lands for the Parker River National Wildlife Refuge, a notice stating in effect that title to the lands acquired from such prior owner will be reconveyed to that prior owner upon payment to the United States, within sixty days after the receipt of such notice, of an amount equal to the purchase price paid by the United States for such lands. Upon receipt of payment from the prior owner of the lands in question, the Secretary of the Interior shall convey all right, title, and interest of the United States in such land to the prior owner thereof.

Reconveyance of land to prior owner.

(b) With respect to such other lands as lie within the three areas designated in section 1 and are included in the condemnation proceeding or proceedings referred to, and compensation for the taking of which has not been paid to the prior owners thereof, the Attorney General of the United States is authorized and directed to exclude the same from the condemnation proceedings entitled "United States v. 12,367.47 Acres More or Less of Land Situate in Essex County, Massachusetts, Civil No. 7010, in the District Court of the United States for the District of Massachusetts", or any other condemnation proceeding instituted by the United States for the acquisition of lands for the Parker River National Wildlife Refuge, in accordance with the provisions of the Act of October 21, 1942 (56 Stat. 797; 40 U. S. C., Supp. 258f), within ninety days following the date of enactment of this Act or within such additional period as the court in such proceeding may determine to be necessary to effectuate the purposes of this Act.

Exclusion from condemnation proceedings.

(c) Such lands lying within the boundaries of the areas designated in section 1, the title to which cannot be returned to the prior owners thereof in accordance with the provisions of this section, shall be disposed of in such manner and at such prices as the Secretary of the Interior may deem to be in the best interests of the United States.

Lands not returned to prior owners.

SEC. 3. All moneys paid to the United States in accordance with the provisions of section 2, for the reconveyance of lands to prior owners or in connection with the disposition of such lands as provided therein, all moneys on deposit with the District Court of the United

Credit to certain appropriations.

40 U. S. C. § 258f.

16 U. S. C. § 718d.

Edible clam resources.

60 Stat. 1080.
16 U. S. C. § 661.

Propagation and taking of clams.

16 U. S. C. § 715i.

States for the District of Massachusetts for payment as compensation for the taking of lands within the three areas designated in section 1 as are excluded by stipulation from such condemnation proceeding or proceedings, in accordance with the provisions of section 2, shall be credited to the then current appropriation for carrying out the provisions of section 4 of the Act of March 16, 1934 (48 Stat. 451; 16 U. S. C. 718-718h), as amended, and shall remain available for such purposes until expended.

SEC. 4. In the administration of the Parker River National Wildlife Refuge, the Secretary of the Interior is directed to provide assistance to and cooperate with Federal, State, and public or private agencies and organizations in protecting, developing, and maintaining the edible clam resources found within and adjacent to the Parker River National Wildlife Refuge, all in accordance with the provisions of section 1 of the Act of August 14, 1946 (Public Law Numbered 732, Seventy-ninth Congress, second session), and Acts supplementary thereto within the limits of available appropriations.

SEC. 5. Management and administration of the propagation and taking of clams within the boundaries of the Parker River National Wildlife Refuge shall continue to be exercised in accordance with State and local laws and ordinances, but subject to the provisions of section 10 of the Migratory Bird Conservation Act of February 18, 1929 (45 Stat. 1222), as amended.

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[CHAPTER 383]

AN ACT

June 3, 1948
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[Public Law 580]

Granting the consent of Congress to the States of Idaho and Wyoming to negotiate and enter into a compact for the division of the waters of the Snake River and its tributaries originating in either of the two States and flowing into the other.

Snake River.
Consent of Congress
to interstate compact.

Ratification and approval.

Nonapplicability.

Appropriation authorized.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That consent of Congress is hereby given to the States of Idaho and Wyoming to negotiate and enter into a compact providing for an equitable division and apportionment among the said States of the waters of the Snake River and all of its tributaries originating in either of the two States and flowing into the other, upon condition that one suitable person, who shall be appointed by the President of the United States, shall participate in said negotiations as the representative of the United States and shall make report to Congress of the proceedings and of any compact entered into: *Provided*, That any such compact shall not be binding or obligatory upon any of the parties thereto unless and until the same shall have been ratified by the legislature of each of said States and approved by the Congress of the United States: *Provided further*, That nothing in this Act shall apply to any waters within the Yellowstone National Park or Grand Teton National Park or shall establish any right or interest in or to any lands within the boundaries thereof or in subsequent additions thereto.

SEC. 2. There is hereby authorized to be appropriated a sufficient sum to pay the salary and expenses of the representative of the United States appointed hereunder: *Provided*, That such representative, if otherwise employed by the United States, while so employed shall not receive additional salary in the appointment hereunder.

Approved June 3, 1948.