SEC. 2. The Secretary of Commerce (hereafter referred to in this Act as the "Secretary") is authorized to carry out, directly or by contract, a three-year program for the development of the tuna and other latent fisheries resources of the Central, Western, and South Pacific Ocean. The program shall include, but not be limited to, exploration for, and stock assessment of, tuna and other fish; improvement of harvesting techniques; gear development; biological resource monitoring; and an economic evaluation of the potential for tuna and other fisheries in such area.

Cooperation with certain governments.

SEC. 3. In carrying out the purposes of this Act, the Secretary shall consult, and may otherwise cooperate, with the Secretary of the Interior, the State of Hawaii and other affected States, the governments of American Samoa and Guam, the Office of the High Commissioner of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, educational institutions, and the commercial fishing industry.

Report to President and Congress.

SEC. 4. The Secretary shall submit to the President and the Congress, not later than June 30, 1976, a complete report with respect to his activities pursuant to this Act, the results of such activities, and any recommendations he may have as a result of such activities.

Regulations.

SEC. 5. The Secretary shall prescribe such regulations as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this Act. Any contract entered into pursuant to section 2 of this Act shall be subject to such terms and conditions as the Secretary deems necessary and appropriate to protect the interests of the United States.

"Central, Western, and South Pacific Ocean."

SEC. 6. As used in this Act, the term "Central, Western, and South Pacific Ocean" means that area of the Pacific Ocean between latitudes 30 degrees north to 30 degrees south and from longitudes 120 degrees east to 130 degrees west.

Appropriation.

SEC. 7. There is authorized to be appropriated for the period beginning July 1, 1973, and ending June 30, 1976, the sum of $3,000,000 to carry out the purposes of this Act. Sums appropriated pursuant to this section shall remain available until expended.

Approved September 29, 1972.

Public Law 92-445

AN ACT

September 29, 1972
[H. R. 7616]

To amend section 715 of title 32, United States Code, to authorize the application of local law in determining the effect of contributory negligence on claims involving members of the National Guard.

National Guard.
Claims against U.S., application of local law.
74 Stat. 878.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 715(b) of title 32, United States Code, is amended by striking out "; and" at the end of clause (4) and inserting in place thereof ", or, if so caused, allowed only to the extent that the law of the place where the act or omission complained of occurred would permit recovery from a private individual under like circumstances; and".

Approved September 29, 1972.

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