

and repealing sections 1021 to 1023, 1025 to 1027, 1029, 1030, and 1032 to 1035 of this title and provisions set out as notes under section 1021 of this title] may be cited as the ‘North Pacific Anadromous Stocks Act of 1992.’”

§ 5002. Definitions

As used in this chapter, the term—

(1) “Anadromous stocks” means stocks of species listed in the Annex to the Convention that migrate into the Convention area.

(2) “Anadromous fish” means fish of the species listed in the Annex to the Convention that migrate into the Convention area.

(3) “Authorized officer” means a law enforcement official authorized to enforce this chapter under section 5008(a) of this title.

(4) “Commission” means the North Pacific Anadromous Fish Commission provided for by article VIII of the Convention.

(5) “Convention” means the Convention for the Conservation of Anadromous Stocks of the North Pacific Ocean, signed in Moscow, February 11, 1992.

(6) “Convention area” means the waters of the North Pacific Ocean and its adjacent seas, north of 33 degrees North Latitude,¹ beyond 200 nautical miles from the baselines from which the breadth of the territorial sea is measured.

(7) “Directed fishing” means fishing targeted at a particular species or stock of fish.

(8) “Ecologically related species” means living marine species which are associated with anadromous stocks found in the Convention area, including, but not restricted to, both predators and prey of anadromous fish.

(9) “Enforcement officer” means a law enforcement official authorized by any Party to enforce this chapter.

(10) “Exclusive economic zone” means the zone established by Proclamation Numbered 5030, dated March 10, 1983. For purposes of applying this chapter, the inner boundary of that zone is a line coterminous with the seaward boundary of each of the coastal States.

(11) “Fish” means finfish, mollusks, crustaceans, and all other forms of marine animal and plant life other than marine mammals and birds.

(12) “Fishing” means—

(A) the catching, taking, or harvesting of fish, or any other activity that can reasonably be expected to result in the catching, taking, or harvesting of fish; or

(B) any operation at sea in preparation for or in direct support of any activity described in subparagraph (A).

(13) “Fishing vessel” means—

(A) any vessel engaged in catching fish within the Convention area or in processing or transporting fish loaded in the Convention area;

(B) any vessel outfitted to engage in any activity described in subparagraph (A);

(C) any vessel supporting a vessel described in subparagraph (A) or (B).

(14) “Incidental taking” means catching, taking, or harvesting a species or stock of fish

while conducting directed fishing for another species or stock of fish.

(15) “Party” means Canada, Japan, the Russian Federation, the United States, and any other nation that may accede to the Convention.

(16) “Secretary” means the Secretary of State.

(17) “United States Section” means the United States Commissioners of the Commission.

(Pub. L. 102-567, title VIII, §803, Oct. 29, 1992, 106 Stat. 4309; Pub. L. 102-587, title VIII, §8003, Nov. 4, 1992, 106 Stat. 5098; Pub. L. 104-43, title IV, §404(b), Nov. 3, 1995, 109 Stat. 391; Pub. L. 106-562, title III, §304(a), Dec. 23, 2000, 114 Stat. 2806.)

Editorial Notes

REFERENCES IN TEXT

Proclamation Numbered 5030, dated March 10, 1983, referred to in par. (10), is set out as a note under section 1453 of this title.

CODIFICATION

Title VIII of Pub. L. 102-567 and Pub. L. 102-587 enacted substantially identical sections. Title VIII of Pub. L. 102-587 was repealed by Pub. L. 106-562.

AMENDMENTS

1995—Par. (13)(C). Pub. L. 104-43 amended subpar. (C) generally. Prior to amendment, subpar. (C) read as follows: “any vessel described in subparagraph (A) or (B).”

§ 5003. United States Commissioners

(a) Commissioners

The United States shall be represented on the Commission by not more than three United States Commissioners to be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the President. Each United States Commissioner shall be appointed for a term of office not to exceed 4 years, but is eligible for reappointment. Individuals serving as such Commissioners shall not be considered to be Federal employees while performing such service, except for purposes of injury compensation or tort claims liability as provided in chapter 81 of title 5 and chapter 171 of title 28. Of the Commissioners—

(1) one shall be an official of the United States Government;

(2) one shall be a resident of the State of Alaska; and

(3) one shall be a resident of the State of Washington.

An individual is not eligible for appointment under paragraph (2) or (3) as a Commissioner unless the individual is knowledgeable or experienced concerning the anadromous stocks and ecologically related species of the North Pacific Ocean.

(b) Alternate Commissioners

The Secretary, in consultation with the Secretary of Commerce, may designate from time to time Alternate United States Commissioners to the Commission. An Alternate United States Commissioner may exercise all designated powers and duties of a United States Commissioner in the absence of a duly designated Commissioner for whatever reason. The number of such

¹ So in original. Probably should not be capitalized.