

**§ 6909a. United States conservation, management, and enforcement objectives**

The Secretary, in consultation with the Secretary of State, in the course of negotiations, shall seek—

- (1) to minimize any disadvantage to United States fishermen in relation to other members of the Commission;
- (2) to maximize the opportunities for fishing vessels of the United States to harvest fish stocks on the high seas in the Convention area, recognizing that such harvests may be restricted if the Commission, based on the best available scientific information provided by the Scientific Committee, determines it is necessary to achieve the conservation objective set forth in Article 2 of the Convention;
- (3) to prevent any requirement for the transfer to other nations or foreign entities of the fishing capacity, fishing capacity rights, or fishing vessels of the United States or its territories, unless any such requirement is voluntary and market-based; and
- (4) to ensure that conservation and management measures take into consideration traditional fishing patterns of fishing vessels of the United States and the operating requirements of the fisheries covered by the Western and Central Pacific Convention.

(Pub. L. 109-479, title V, §511, as added Pub. L. 114-327, title III, §301(a)(2), Dec. 16, 2016, 130 Stat. 1994.)

**Editorial Notes**

**PRIOR PROVISIONS**

A prior section 511 of Pub. L. 109-479 was renumbered section 512 and is classified to section 6910 of this title.

**§ 6910. Authorization of appropriations**

There are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary of Commerce such sums as may be necessary to carry out this chapter and to pay the United States' contribution to the Commission under section 5 of part III of the WCPFC Convention.

(Pub. L. 109-479, title V, §512, formerly §511, Jan. 12, 2007, 120 Stat. 3644; renumbered §512, Pub. L. 114-327, title III, §301(a)(2), Dec. 16, 2016, 130 Stat. 1994.)

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**§ 7001. Definitions**

In this chapter:

**(1) Advisory panel**

The term “advisory panel” means the Advisory Panel on Pacific Hake/Whiting established by the Agreement.

**(2) Agreement**

The term “Agreement” means the Agreement between the Government of the United States and the Government of Canada on Pacific Hake/Whiting, signed at Seattle, Washington, on November 21, 2003.

**(3) Catch**

The term “catch” means all fishery removals from the offshore whiting resource, including landings, discards, and bycatch in other fisheries.

**(4) Joint management committee**

The term “joint management committee” means the joint management committee established by the Agreement.

**(5) Joint technical committee**

The term “joint technical committee” means the joint technical committee established by the Agreement.

**(6) Offshore whiting resource**

The term “offshore whiting resource” means the transboundary stock of *Merluccius productus* that is located in the offshore waters of the United States and Canada except in Puget Sound and the Strait of Georgia.

**(7) Scientific review group**

The term “scientific review group” means the scientific review group established by the Agreement.

**(8) Secretary**

The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of Commerce.

**(9) United States Section**

The term “United States Section” means the United States representatives on the joint management committee.

(Pub. L. 109-479, title VI, §602, Jan. 12, 2007, 120 Stat. 3644.)

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**

**SHORT TITLE**

Pub. L. 109-479, title VI, §601, Jan. 12, 2007, 120 Stat. 3644, provided that: “This title [enacting this chapter] may be cited as the ‘Pacific Whiting Act of 2006.’”

**§ 7002. United States representation on joint management committee**

**(a) Representatives**

**(1) In general**

The Secretary, in consultation with the Secretary of State, shall appoint 4 individuals to represent the United States as the United States Section on the joint management committee. In making the appointments, the Secretary shall select representatives from among individuals who are knowledgeable or experienced concerning the offshore whiting resource. Of these—

- (A) 1 shall be an official of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration;