

(5) Reorganization Plan No. 4 expressly excluded fishery research activities within the Great Lakes from the transfer, retaining management and scientific research duties within the already-established jurisdictions under the 1954 Convention on Great Lakes Fisheries, including those of the Great Lakes Fishery Commission and the Department of the Interior.

**(c) Monitoring, assessment, science, and research**

**(1) In general**

The Director may conduct monitoring, assessment, science, and research, in support of the binational fisheries within the Great Lakes Basin.

**(2) Specific authorities**

The Director shall, under paragraph (1)—

- (A) execute a comprehensive, multi-lake, freshwater fisheries science program;
- (B) coordinate with and work cooperatively with regional, State, tribal, and local governments; and
- (C) consult with other interested entities groups, including academia and relevant Canadian agencies.

**(3) Included research**

To properly serve the needs of fisheries managers, monitoring, assessment, science, and research under this section may include—

- (A) deepwater ecosystem sciences;
- (B) biological and food-web components;
- (C) fish movement and behavior investigations;
- (D) fish population structures;
- (E) fish habitat investigations;
- (F) invasive species science;
- (G) use of existing, new, and experimental biological assessment tools, equipment, vessels, other scientific instrumentation and laboratory capabilities necessary to support fishery management decisions; and
- (H) studies to assess impacts on Great Lakes Fishery resources.

**(4) Savings clause**

Nothing in this section is intended or shall be construed to impede, supersede, or alter the authority of the Great Lakes Fishery Commission, States, and Indian tribes under the Convention on Great Lakes Fisheries between the United States of America and Canada on September 10, 1954, and the Great Lakes Fishery Act of 1956 (16 U.S.C. 931 et seq.).

**(d) Authorization of appropriations**

For each of fiscal years 2021 through 2025, there is authorized to be appropriated \$15,000,000 to carry out this section.

(Pub. L. 116-94, div. P, title II, §201, Dec. 20, 2019, 133 Stat. 3184.)

**Editorial Notes**

REFERENCES IN TEXT

Reorganization Plan No. 4, referred to in subsec. (b)(4), (5), probably means Reorganization Plan No. 4 of 1970, which is set out as a note under section 1511 of title 15, Commerce and Trade, and in the Appendix to Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.

The Great Lakes Fishery Act of 1956, referred to in subsec. (c)(4), is act June 4, 1956, ch. 358, 70 Stat. 242,

which is classified generally to chapter 15A (§931 et seq.) of this title. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 931 of this title and Tables.

CODIFICATION

Section was enacted as part of the Further Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2020, and not as part of the Great Lakes Fish and Wildlife Restoration Act of 1990 which comprises this chapter.

**CHAPTER 15C—GREAT LAKES FISH AND WILDLIFE TISSUE BANK**

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**§ 943. Tissue bank**

**(a) In general**

The Secretary shall coordinate existing facilities for the storage, preparation, examination, and archiving of tissues from selected Great Lakes fish and wildlife, which shall be known as the “Great Lakes Fish and Wildlife Tissue Bank”.

**(b) Guidance**

The Secretary shall, in consultation with appropriate Federal and State agencies and the Council of Great Lakes Research Managers, issue guidance, after an opportunity for public review and comment, for Great Lakes fish and wildlife tissue collection, preparation, archiving, quality control procedures, and access that will ensure—

- (1) appropriate uniform methods and standards for those activities to provide confidence in Great Lakes fish and wildlife tissue samples used for research;
- (2) documentation of procedures used for collecting, preparing, and archiving those samples; and
- (3) appropriate scientific use of the tissues in the Great Lakes Fish and Wildlife Tissue Bank.

(Pub. L. 102-440, title II, §202, Oct. 23, 1992, 106 Stat. 2233.)

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**

SHORT TITLE

Pub. L. 102-440, title II, §201, Oct. 23, 1992, 106 Stat. 2233, provided that: “This title [enacting this chapter] may be cited as ‘The Great Lakes Fish and Wildlife Tissue Bank Act’.”

**§ 943a. Data base**

**(a) Maintenance**

The Secretary shall maintain a central data base which provides an effective means for tracking and assessing relevant reference data on Great Lakes fish and wildlife, including data on tissues collected for and maintained in the Great Lakes Fish and Wildlife Tissue Bank.

**(b) Access**

The Secretary shall establish criteria, after an opportunity for public review and comment, for access to the data base which provides for appropriate use of the information by the public.