

(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.

(Pub. L. 102-440, title II, §203, Oct. 23, 1992, 106 Stat. 2233.)

#### § 943b. Definitions

In this chapter—

(1) “Secretary” means the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Director of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service.

(2) “Great Lakes fish and wildlife” means fauna, fish, and invertebrates dependent on Great Lakes resources, and located within the Great Lakes Basin.

(Pub. L. 102-440, title II, §204, Oct. 23, 1992, 106 Stat. 2233.)

#### § 943c. Authorization of appropriations

There is authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary, \$250,000 for each of fiscal years 1993 and 1994 to carry out this chapter.

(Pub. L. 102-440, title II, §205, Oct. 23, 1992, 106 Stat. 2234.)

### CHAPTER 16—TUNA CONVENTIONS

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#### § 951. Definitions

In this chapter:

##### (1) Antigua Convention

The term “Antigua Convention” means the Convention for the Strengthening of the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission Established by the 1949 Convention Between the United States of America and the Republic of Costa Rica, signed at Washington, November 14, 2003.

##### (2) Commission

The term “Commission” means the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission provided for by the Convention.

##### (3) Convention

The term “Convention” means—

(A) the Convention for the Establishment of an Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission, signed at Washington, May 31, 1949, by the United States of America and the Republic of Costa Rica;

(B) the Antigua Convention, upon its entry into force for the United States, and any amendments thereto that are in force for the United States; or

(C) both such Conventions, as the context requires.

#### (4) Person

The term “person” means an individual, partnership, corporation, or association subject to the jurisdiction of the United States.

#### (5) United States

The term “United States” includes all areas under the sovereignty of the United States.

#### (6) United States Commissioners

The term “United States commissioners”<sup>1</sup> means the individuals appointed in accordance with section 952(a) of this title.

(Sept. 7, 1950, ch. 907, §2, 64 Stat. 777; Pub. L. 87-814, §1, Oct. 15, 1962, 76 Stat. 923; Pub. L. 114-81, title II, §203, Nov. 5, 2015, 129 Stat. 660.)

#### Editorial Notes

##### AMENDMENTS

2015—Pub. L. 114-81 amended section generally. Prior to amendment, section defined terms for this chapter. 1962—Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 87-814 substituted definition of “United States” for definition of “enforcement agency”.

#### Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

##### EFFECTIVE DATE

Act Sept. 7, 1950, ch. 907, §14, 64 Stat. 780, provided: “This Act [this chapter] shall take effect with respect to each of the conventions upon the entry into force of that convention, unless such entry into force shall be prior to the date of approval of this Act [Sept. 7, 1950] in which case this Act [this chapter] shall take effect immediately.” The Costa Rican convention was ratified on March 3, 1950, and the Mexican convention on July 11, 1950. Therefore, the act took effect upon its approval on Sept. 7, 1950.

##### SHORT TITLE OF 2015 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 114-81, title II, §201, Nov. 5, 2015, 129 Stat. 660, provided that: “This title [amending sections 951 to 953, 955, 957, 959, and 962 of this title and repealing chapter 16B of this title and provisions set out as a note under section 972 of this title] may be cited as the ‘Antigua Convention Implementing Act of 2015’.”

##### SHORT TITLE

Act Sept. 7, 1950, ch. 907, §1, 64 Stat. 777, provided: “That this Act [enacting this chapter] may be cited as the ‘Tuna Conventions Act of 1950’.”

##### SEPARABILITY

Act Sept. 7, 1950, ch. 907, §13, 64 Stat. 780, provided: “If any provision of this Act [this chapter] or the application of such provision to any circumstances or persons shall be held invalid, the validity of the remainder of the Act and the applicability of such provision to other circumstances or persons shall not be affected thereby.”

##### LANDING OF CATCH OF FISH BY FOREIGN VESSELS

Pub. L. 87-814, §6, Oct. 15, 1962, 76 Stat. 926, provided that: “Nothing in this Act [amending this section and sections 955 to 957, 959 of this title] shall be construed to amend or repeal the provisions of section 4311 of the Revised Statutes, as amended ([former] 46 U.S.C. [App.] 251) [see 46 U.S.C. 55114].”

#### § 952. Commissioners

##### (a) Commissioners

The United States shall be represented on the Commission by four United States Commis-

<sup>1</sup> So in original. Probably should be capitalized.