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An Act

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To provide authorization of appropriations for title III of the Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act of 1972, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

TITLE I—MARINE SANCTUARIES

Marine Sanctuaries Amendments of 1984.
16 USC 1431 note.

SEC. 101. This title may be cited as the "Marine Sanctuaries Amendments of 1984".

SEC. 102. Title III of the Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. 1431 et seq.) is amended to read as follows:

"TITLE III—NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARIES

16 USC 1431.

"SEC. 301. FINDINGS, PURPOSES, AND POLICIES.

"(a) FINDINGS.—The Congress finds that—

"(1) this Nation historically has recognized the importance of protecting special areas of its public domain, but these efforts have been directed almost exclusively to land areas above the high-water mark;

"(2) certain areas of the marine environment possess conservation, recreational, ecological, historical, research, educational, or esthetic qualities which give them special national significance;

"(3) while the need to control the effects of particular activities has led to enactment of resource-specific legislation, these laws cannot in all cases provide a coordinated and comprehensive approach to the conservation and management of special areas of the marine environment;

"(4) a Federal program which identifies special areas of the marine environment will contribute positively to marine resources conservation and management; and

"(5) such a Federal program will also serve to enhance public awareness, understanding, appreciation, and wise use of the marine environment.

"(b) PURPOSES AND POLICIES.—The purposes and policies of this title are—

"(1) to identify areas of the marine environment of special national significance due to their resource or human-use values;

"(2) to provide authority for comprehensive and coordinated conservation and management of these marine areas that will complement existing regulatory authorities;

"(3) to support, promote, and coordinate scientific research on, and monitoring of, the resources of these marine areas;

"(4) to enhance public awareness, understanding, appreciation, and wise use of the marine environment; and

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"(5) to facilitate, to the extent compatible with the primary objective of resource protection, all public and private uses of the resources of these marine areas not prohibited pursuant to other authorities.

"SEC. 302. DEFINITIONS. 16 USC 1432.

"As used in this title, the term—

"(1) 'draft management plan' means the plan described in section 304(a)(1)(E);

"(2) 'Magnuson Act' means the Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1801 et seq.);

"(3) 'marine environment' means those areas of coastal and ocean waters, the Great Lakes and their connecting waters, and submerged lands over which the United States exercises jurisdiction, consistent with international law;

"(4) 'Secretary' means the Secretary of Commerce; and

"(5) 'State' means each of the several States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, American Samoa, the Virgin Islands, Guam, and any other commonwealth, territory, or possession of the United States.

"SEC. 303. SANCTUARY DESIGNATION STANDARDS. 16 USC 1433.

"(a) STANDARDS.—The Secretary may designate any discrete area of the marine environment as a national marine sanctuary and promulgate regulations implementing the designation if the Secretary—

"(1) determines that the designation will fulfill the purposes and policies of this title; and

"(2) finds that—

"(A) the area is of special national significance due to its resource or human-use values;

"(B) existing State and Federal authorities are inadequate to ensure coordinated and comprehensive conservation and management of the area, including resource protection, scientific research, and public education;

"(C) designation of the area as a national marine sanctuary will facilitate the objectives in subparagraph (B); and

"(D) the area is of a size and nature that will permit comprehensive and coordinated conservation and management.

"(b) FACTORS AND CONSULTATIONS REQUIRED IN MAKING DETERMINATIONS AND FINDINGS.—

"(1) FACTORS.—For purposes of determining if an area of the marine environment meets the standards set forth in subsection (a), the Secretary shall consider—

"(A) the area's natural resource and ecological qualities, including its contribution to biological productivity, maintenance of ecosystem structure, maintenance of ecologically or commercially important or threatened species or species assemblages, and the biogeographic representation of the site;

"(B) the area's historical, cultural, archaeological, or paleontological significance;

"(C) the present and potential uses of the area that depend on maintenance of the area's resources, including commercial and recreational fishing, subsistence uses,

other commercial and recreational activities, and research and education;

"(D) the present and potential activities that may adversely affect the factors identified in subparagraphs (A), (B), and (C);

"(E) the existing State and Federal regulatory and management authorities applicable to the area and the adequacy of those authorities to fulfill the purposes and policies of this title;

"(F) the manageability of the area, including such factors as its size, its ability to be identified as a discrete ecological unit with definable boundaries, its accessibility, and its suitability for monitoring and enforcement activities;

"(G) the public benefits to be derived from sanctuary status, with emphasis on the benefits of long-term protection of nationally significant resources, vital habitats, and resources which generate tourism;

"(H) the negative impacts produced by management restrictions on income-generating activities such as living and nonliving resources development; and

"(I) the socioeconomic effects of sanctuary designation.

"(2) CONSULTATION.—In making determinations and findings, the Secretary shall consult with—

"(A) the Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate;

"(B) the Secretaries of State, Defense, Transportation, and the Interior, the Administrator, and the heads of other interested Federal agencies;

"(C) the responsible officials or relevant agency heads of the appropriate State and local government entities, including coastal zone management agencies, that will or are likely to be affected by the establishment of the area as a national marine sanctuary;

"(D) the appropriate officials of any Regional Fishery Management Council established by section 302 of the Magnuson Act (16 U.S.C. 1852) that may be affected by the proposed designation; and

"(E) other interested persons.

"(3) RESOURCE ASSESSMENT REPORT.—In making determinations and findings, the Secretary shall draft, as part of the environmental impact statement referred to in section 304(a)(1), a resource assessment report documenting present and potential uses of the area, including commercial and recreational fishing, research and education, minerals and energy development, subsistence uses, and other commercial or recreational uses. The Secretary, in consultation with the Secretary of the Interior, shall draft a resource assessment section for the report regarding any commercial or recreational resource uses in the area under consideration that are subject to the primary jurisdiction of the Department of the Interior.

16 USC 1434.

"SEC. 304. PROCEDURES FOR DESIGNATION AND IMPLEMENTATION.

"(a) SANCTUARY PROPOSAL.—

"(1) NOTICE.—In proposing to designate a national marine sanctuary, the Secretary shall—

"(A) issue, in the Federal Register, a notice of the proposal, proposed regulations that may be necessary and reasonable to implement the proposal, and a summary of the draft management plan;

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"(B) provide notice of the proposal in newspapers of general circulation or electronic media in the communities that may be affected by the proposal; and

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"(C) on the same day the notice required by subparagraph (A) is issued, the Secretary shall submit to the Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate a prospectus on the proposal which shall contain—

"(i) the terms of the proposed designation;

"(ii) the basis of the findings made under section 303(a) with respect to the area;

"(iii) an assessment of the considerations under section 303(b)(1);

"(iv) proposed mechanisms to coordinate existing regulatory and management authorities within the area;

"(v) the draft management plan detailing the proposed goals and objectives, management responsibilities, resource studies, interpretive and educational programs, and enforcement, including surveillance activities for the area;

"(vi) an estimate of the annual cost of the proposed designation, including costs of personnel, equipment and facilities, enforcement, research, and public education;

"(vii) the draft environmental impact statement;

"(viii) an evaluation of the advantages of cooperative State and Federal management if all or part of a proposed marine sanctuary is within the territorial limits of any State or is superjacent to the subsoil and seabed within the seaward boundary of a State, as that boundary is established under the Submerged Lands Act (43 U.S.C. 1301 et seq.); and

"(ix) the proposed regulations referred to in subparagraph (A).

"(2) ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT.—The Secretary shall—

"(A) prepare a draft environmental impact statement, as provided by the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.), on the proposal that includes the resource assessment report required under section 303(b)(3), maps depicting the boundaries of the proposed designated area, and the existing and potential uses and resources of the area; and

"(B) make copies of the draft environmental impact statement available to the public.

Public availability.

"(3) PUBLIC HEARING.—No sooner than thirty days after issuing a notice under this subsection, the Secretary shall hold at least one public hearing in the coastal area or areas that will be most affected by the proposed designation of the area as a national marine sanctuary for the purpose of receiving the views of interested parties.

"(4) TERMS OF DESIGNATION.—The terms of designation of a sanctuary shall include the geographic area proposed to be included within the sanctuary, the characteristics of the area that give it conservation, recreational, ecological, historical, research, educational, or esthetic value, and the types of activities that will be subject to regulation by the Secretary to protect those characteristics. The terms of designation may be modified only by the same procedures by which the original designation is made.

"(5) FISHING REGULATIONS.—The Secretary shall provide the appropriate Regional Fishery Management Council with the opportunity to prepare draft regulations for fishing within the United States Fishery Conservation Zone as the Council may deem necessary to implement the proposed designation. Draft regulations prepared by the Council, or a Council determination that regulations are not necessary pursuant to this paragraph, shall be accepted and issued as proposed regulations by the Secretary unless the Secretary finds that the Council's action fails to fulfill the purposes and policies of this title and the goals and objectives of the proposed designation. In preparing the draft regulations, a Regional Fishery Management Council shall use as guidance the national standards of section 301(a) of the Magnuson Act (16 U.S.C. 1851) to the extent that the standards are consistent and compatible with the goals and objectives of the proposed designation. The Secretary shall prepare the fishing regulations, if the Council declines to make a determination with respect to the need for regulations, makes a determination which is rejected by the Secretary, or fails to prepare the draft regulations in a timely manner. Any amendments to the fishing regulations shall be drafted, approved, and issued in the same manner as the original regulations.

"(6) COMMITTEE ACTION.—After receiving the prospectus under subsection (a)(1)(C), the Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate may each hold hearings on the proposed designation and on the matters set forth in the prospectus. If within the forty-five day period of continuous session of Congress beginning on the date of submission of the prospectus, either Committee issues a report concerning matters addressed in the prospectus, the Secretary shall consider this report before publishing a notice to designate the national marine sanctuary.

"(b) TAKING EFFECT OF DESIGNATIONS.—

Federal Register, publication. Regulations.

Public availability.

"(1) NOTICE.—In designating a national marine sanctuary, the Secretary shall publish in the Federal Register notice of the designation together with final regulations to implement the designation and any other matters required by law, and submit such notice to the Congress. The Secretary shall advise the public of the availability of the final management plan and the final environmental impact statement with respect to such sanctuary. No notice of designation may occur until the expiration of the period for Committee action under subsection (a)(6).

Effective date.

The designation (and any of its terms not disapproved under this subsection) and regulations shall take effect and become final after the close of a review period of forty-five days of continuous session of Congress beginning on the day on which such notice is published unless—

"(A) the designation or any of its terms is disapproved by enactment of a joint resolution of disapproval described in paragraph (3); or

"(B) in the case of a natural marine sanctuary that is located partially or entirely within the seaward boundary of any State, the Governor affected certifies to the Secretary that the designation or any of its terms is unacceptable, in which case the designation or the unacceptable term shall not take effect in the area of the sanctuary lying within the seaward boundary of the State.

"(2) WITHDRAWAL OF DESIGNATION.—If the Secretary considers that actions taken under paragraph (1) (A) or (B) will affect the designation of a national marine sanctuary in a manner that the goals and objectives of the sanctuary cannot be fulfilled, the Secretary may withdraw the entire designation. If the Secretary does not withdraw the designation, only those terms of the designation not disapproved under paragraph (1)(A) or not certified under paragraph (1)(B) shall take effect.

"(3) RESOLUTION OF DISAPPROVAL.—For the purposes of this subsection, the term 'resolution of disapproval' means a joint resolution which states after the resolving clause the following: 'That the Congress disapproves the national marine sanctuary designation entitled that was submitted to Congress by the Secretary of Commerce on .', the first blank space being filled with the title of the designation and the second blank space being filled with the date on which the notice was submitted to Congress. In the event that the disapproval is addressed to one or more terms of the designation, the joint resolution shall state after the resolving clause the following: 'That the Congress approves the national marine sanctuary designation entitled that was submitted to Congress by the Secretary of Commerce on but disapproves the following terms of such designation: .', the first blank space being filled with the title of the designation, the second blank space being filled with the date on which the notice was submitted to Congress, and the third blank space referencing each term of the designation which is disapproved.

"(4) PROCEDURES.—

"(A) In computing the forty-five-day periods of continuous session of Congress pursuant to subsection (a)(6) and paragraph (1) of this subsection—

"(i) continuity of session is broken only by an adjournment of Congress sine die; and

"(ii) the days on which either House of Congress is not in session because of an adjournment of more than three days to a day certain are excluded.

"(B) When the committee to which a joint resolution has been referred has reported such a resolution, it shall at any time thereafter be in order to move to proceed to the consideration of the resolution. The motion shall be privileged and shall not be debatable. An amendment to the motion shall not be in order, and it shall not be in order to move to reconsider the vote by which the motion was agreed to or disagreed to.

"(C) This subsection is enacted by Congress as an exercise of the rulemaking power of each House of Congress, respectively, and as such is deemed a part of the rules of each

House, respectively, but applicable only with respect to the procedure to be followed in the case of resolutions described in this subsection. This subsection supersedes other rules only to the extent that they are inconsistent therewith, and is enacted with full recognition of the constitutional right of either House to change the rules (so far as those relate to the procedure of that House) at any time, in the same manner, and to the same extent as in the case of any other rule of such House.

"(c) ACCESS AND VALID RIGHTS.—

"(1) Nothing in this title shall be construed as terminating or granting to the Secretary the right to terminate any valid lease, permit, license, or right of subsistence use or of access if the lease, permit, license, or right—

"(A) was in existence on the date of enactment of the Marine Sanctuaries Amendments of 1984, with respect to any national marine sanctuary designated before that date; or

"(B) is in existence on the date of designation of any national marine sanctuary, with respect to any national marine sanctuary designated after the date of enactment of the Marine Sanctuaries Amendments of 1984.

"(2) The exercise of a lease, permit, license, or right is subject to regulation by the Secretary consistent with the purposes for which the sanctuary is designated.

16 USC 1435.

SEC. 305. APPLICATION OF REGULATIONS AND INTERNATIONAL NEGOTIATIONS.

"(a) REGULATIONS.—The regulations issued under section 304 shall be applied in accordance with generally recognized principles of international law, and in accordance with treaties, conventions, and other agreements to which the United States is a party. No regulation shall apply to a person who is not a citizen, national, or resident alien of the United States, unless in accordance with—

"(1) generally recognized principles of international law;

"(2) an agreement between the United States and the foreign state of which the person is a citizen; or

"(3) an agreement between the United States and the flag state of a foreign vessel, if the person is a crewmember of the vessel.

"(b) NEGOTIATIONS.—The Secretary of State, in consultation with the Secretary, shall take appropriate action to enter into negotiations with other governments to make necessary arrangements for the protection of any national marine sanctuary and to promote the purposes for which the sanctuary is established.

16 USC 1436.

"SEC. 306. RESEARCH AND EDUCATION.

"The Secretary shall conduct research and educational programs as are necessary and reasonable to carry out the purposes and policies of this title.

16 USC 1437.

"SEC. 307. ENFORCEMENT.

"(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall conduct such enforcement activities as are necessary and reasonable to carry out this title. The Secretary shall, whenever appropriate, utilize by agreement the personnel, services, and facilities of other Federal departments,

agencies, and instrumentalities on a reimbursable basis in carrying out the Secretary's responsibilities under this title.

"(b) CIVIL PENALTIES.—

"(1) CIVIL PENALTY.—Any person subject to the jurisdiction of the United States who violates any regulation issued under this title shall be liable to the United States for a civil penalty of not more than $50,000 for each such violation, to be assessed by the Secretary. Each day of a continuing violation shall constitute a separate violation.

"(2) NOTICE.—No penalty shall be assessed under this subsection until the person charged has been given notice and an opportunity to be heard. Upon failure of the offending party to pay an assessed penalty, the Attorney General, at the request of the Secretary, shall commence action in the appropriate district court of the United States to collect the penalty and to seek such other relief as may be appropriate.

"(3) IN REM JURISDICTION.—A vessel used in the violation of a regulation issued under this title shall be liable in rem for any civil penalty assessed for such violation and may be proceeded against in any district court of the United States having jurisdiction thereof.

"(c) JURISDICTION.—The district courts of the United States shall have jurisdiction to restrain a violation of the regulations issued under this title, and to grant such other relief as may be appropriate. Actions shall be brought by the Attorney General in the name of the United States. The Attorney General may bring suit either on the Attorney General's own initiative or at the request of the Secretary. Courts, U.S.

"SEC. 308. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS. 16 USC 1438.

"To carry out this title, there are authorized to be appropriated:

"(1) $3,000,000 for fiscal year 1985.

"(2) $3,300,000 for fiscal year 1986.

"(3) $3,600,000 for fiscal year 1987.

"(4) $3,900,000 for fiscal year 1988.

"SEC. 309. SEVERABILITY. 16 USC 1439.

"If any provision of this Act or the application thereof to any person or circumstances is held invalid, the validity of the remainder of this Act and of the application of such provision to other persons and circumstances shall not be affected thereby.".

TITLE II—MARINE SAFETY

SUBTITLE A—INSPECTION AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Maritime Safety Act of 1984. Vessels. 46 USC 3301 note.

SEC. 210. This subtitle may be cited as the "Maritime Safety Act of 1984".

SEC. 211. (a) Section 3309 of title 46, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end:

"(c) At least 30 days (but not more than 60 days) before the current certificate of inspection issued to a vessel under subsection (a) of this section expires, the owner, charterer, managing operator, agent, master, or individual in charge of the vessel shall submit to the Secretary in writing a notice that the vessel—

"(1) will be required to be inspected; or

"(2) will not be operated so as to require an inspection.".

(b) Section 3311 of title 46, United States Code, is amended by—

(1) striking "A vessel" and substituting "(a) Except as provided in subsection (b), a vessel";

(2) striking the word "valid"; and

(3) inserting at the end the following:

"(b) The Secretary may direct the owner, charterer, managing operator, agent, master, or individual in charge of a vessel subject to inspection under this chapter and not having on board a certificate of inspection—

"(1) to have the vessel proceed to mooring and remain there until a certificate of inspection is issued;

"(2) to take immediate steps necessary for the safety of the vessel, individuals on board the vessel, or the environment; or

"(3) to have the vessel proceed to a place to make repairs necessary to obtain a certificate of inspection.".

(c) Section 3318 of title 46, United States Code, is amended as follows:

(1) Subsection (a) is amended by—

(A) striking "The" the first time it appears and substituting "Except as otherwise provided in this part, the"; and

(B) striking "$1,000, except that when the violation involves operation of a barge, the penalty is $500.", and substituting "not more than $5,000.".

(2) Subsection (c) is amended by striking "$2,000," and substituting "$5,000,".

(3) Subsection (d) is amended by striking "$2,000," and substituting "$5,000,".

(4) Subsection (e) is amended by striking "$2,000," and substituting "$10,000,".

(5) Subsection (f) is amended by striking "$5,000," and substituting "$10,000,".

(6) Subsection (g) is amended by striking "shall be fined not more than $10,000, imprisoned for not more than one year, or both," and substituting "is liable to the Government for a civil penalty of not more than $5,000,".

(7) Subsection (h) is amended by striking "United States Government for a civil penalty of not more than $500." and substituting "Government for a civil penalty of not more than $1,000.".

(8) At the end add the following:

"(i) A person violating section 3309(c) of this title is liable to the Government for a civil penalty of not more than $1,000.

"(j)(1) An owner, charterer, managing operator, agent, master, or individual in charge of a vessel required to be inspected under this chapter operating the vessel without the certificate of inspection is liable to the Government for a civil penalty of not more than $10,000 for each day during which the violation occurs, except when the violation involves operation of a vessel of less than 1,600 gross tons, the penalty is not more than $2,000 for each day during which the violation occurs. The vessel also is liable in rem for the penalty.

"(2) A person is not liable for a penalty under this subsection if—

"(A) the owner, charterer, managing operator, agent, master, or individual in charge of the vessel has notified the Secretary under section 3309(c) of this title;

"(B) the owner, charterer, managing operator, agent, master, or individual in charge of the vessel has complied with all other

directions and requirements for obtaining an inspection under this part; and

"(C) the Secretary believes that unforeseen circumstances exist so that it is not feasible to conduct a scheduled inspection before the expiration of the certificate of inspection.

"(k) The owner, charterer, managing operator, agent, master, or individual in charge of a vessel failing to comply with a direction issued by the Secretary under section 3311(b) of this title is liable to the Government for a civil penalty of not more than $10,000 for each day during which the violation occurs. The vessel also is liable in rem for the penalty.

"(l) A person committing an act described by subsections (b)-(f) of this section is liable to the Government for a civil penalty of not more than $5,000. If the violation involves the operation of a vessel, the vessel also is liable in rem for the penalty.".

SEC. 212. (a) Chapter 23 of title 46, United States Code is amended as follows:

(1) At the end of the chapter analysis, add the following:

"2306. Vessel reporting requirements.".

(2) In section 2301, strike "This chapter" and substitute "Except as provided in section 2306 of this title, this chapter".

(3) Add at the end the following:

"§ 2306. Vessel reporting requirements 46 USC 2306.

"(a)(1) An owner, charterer, managing operator, or agent of a vessel of the United States, having reason to believe (because of lack of communication with or nonappearance of a vessel or any other incident) that the vessel may have been lost or imperiled, immediately shall—

"(A) notify the Coast Guard; and

"(B) use all available means to determine the status of the vessel.

"(2) When more than 48 hours have passed since the owner, charterer, managing operator, or agent of a vessel required to report to the United States Flag Merchant Vessel Location Filing System under authority of section 212(A) of the Merchant Marine Act, 1936 (46 App. U.S.C. 1122a), has received a communication from the vessel, the owner, charterer, managing operator, or agent immediately shall—

"(A) notify the Coast Guard; and

"(B) use all available means to determine the status of the vessel.

"(3) A person notifying the Coast Guard under paragraph (1) or (2) of this subsection shall provide the name and identification number of the vessel, the names of individuals on board, and other information that may be requested by the Coast Guard. The owner, charterer, managing operator, or agent also shall submit written confirmation to the Coast Guard within 24 hours after nonwritten notification to the Coast Guard under those paragraphs.

"(4) An owner, charterer, managing operator, or agent violating this subsection is liable to the United States Government for a civil penalty of not more than $5,000 for each day during which the violation occurs.

"(b)(1) The master of a vessel of the United States required to report to the System shall report to the owner, charterer, managing operator, or agent at least once every 48 hours.

"(2) A master violating this subsection is liable to the Government for a civil penalty of not more than $1,000 for each day during which the violation occurs.

"(c) The Secretary may prescribe regulations to carry out this section.".

(b)(1) Section 6101 of title 46, United States Code, is amended—

(A) in subsection (a), by striking "and incidents"; and

(B) by striking subsection (c).

(2) Section 6103 of title 46, United States Code, is amended by striking "or incident".

SEC. 213. (a) Subsection (b) of section 4283 of the Revised Statutes of the United States (46 App. U.S.C. 183(b)) is amended by striking out "$60" each place it appears and inserting in lieu thereof "$420".

Effective date. 46 USC app. 183 note.

(b) The amendment made by subsection (a) shall apply to incidents occurring after the date of enactment of this Act.

Effective date. 46 USC 2306 note.

SEC. 214. Sections 211(a) and 212 of this subtitle are effective one hundred and eighty days after the date of enactment of this Act.

SUBTITLE B—RECREATIONAL DIVING SAFETY

Report.

SEC. 220. (a) Within one hundred and eighty days after the date of enactment of this section, the Rules of the Road Advisory Council and the National Boating Safety Advisory Council shall report to the Secretary of the department in which the Coast Guard is operating recommendations regarding the need for the display of a divers flag (traditionally recognized as a bright or fluorescent red flag having a diagonal white stripe) or any other signal, if appropriate, to promote safety in recreational diving operations and navigation under the jurisdiction of the United States. In developing the recommendations, the Councils shall consider, as a minimum: visibility requirements; restriction of diver and vessel operations in a diving area; adequacy of, and conformity with, the laws of the States and international practice and with the laws of the United States governing navigation safety; appropriate penalties; and the views of the recreational diving community.

(b) Within one year after the date of enactment of this section, the Secretary of the department in which the Coast Guard is operating shall transmit to Congress the recommendations required under subsection (a) of this section and the Secretary's evaluation and recommendations for recreational diving safety and, as appropriate, proposed legislation to implement those recommendations.

TITLE III—NOAA CORPS

SUBTITLE A—HEALTH CARE

SEC. 310. (a) Section 3 of the Act of December 31, 1970 (33 U.S.C. 857-3) is amended by adding "(a)" after "SEC. 3." and by adding at the end the following new subsection:

"(b) The Secretary may provide medical and dental care, including care in private facilities, for personnel of the Administration entitled to that care by law or regulation.".

(b) The matter before subsection (b) in the first section of the Act of July 19, 1963 (42 U.S.C. 253a(a)), is amended by striking "at facilities of the Public Health Service: *Provided*, That" and inserting in lieu thereof "by the Public Health Service if".

(c) The first sentence of subsection (b) of the first section of that Act (42 U.S.C. 253a(b)) is amended—

(1) by striking "at its hospitals and relief stations"; and

(2) by striking "at hospitals of the Public Health Service: *Provided,* That" and inserting in lieu thereof "by the Public Health Service if".

SUBTITLE B—PERSONNEL PROVISIONS

Government organization and employees.

SEC. 320. (a)(1) Sections 8 and 9 of the Coast and Geodetic Survey Commissioned Officers' Act of 1948 (33 U.S.C. 853g, 853h) are amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 8. (a) As recommended by the personnel board—

"(1) an officer in the permanent grade of captain or commander may be transferred to the retired list; and

"(2) an officer in the permanent grade of lieutenant commander, lieutenant, or lieutenant (junior grade) who is not qualified for retirement may be separated from the service.

"(b) In any fiscal year, the total number of officers selected for retirement or separation under subsection (a) plus the number of officers retired for age may not exceed the whole number nearest four percent of the total number of officers authorized to be on the active list, except as otherwise provided by law.

"(c) Any retirement or separation under subsection (a) shall take effect on the first day of the sixth month beginning after the date on which the Secretary of Commerce approves the retirement or separation, except that if the officer concerned requests earlier retirement or separation, the date shall be as determined by the Secretary.

"SEC. 9. (a) An officer who is separated under section 8 and who has completed more than three years of continuous active service immediately before that separation is entitled to separation pay computed under subsection (b) unless the Secretary of Commerce determines that the conditions under which the officer is separated do not warrant payment of that pay.

"(b)(1) In the case of an officer who has completed five or more years of continuous active service immediately before that separation, the amount of separation pay which may be paid to the officer under this section is 10 percent of the product of (A) the years of active service creditable to the officer, and (B) twelve times the monthly basic pay to which the officer was entitled at the time of separation, or $30,000, whichever is less.

"(2) In the case of an officer who has completed three but fewer than five years of continuous active service immediately before that separation, the amount of separation pay which may be paid to the officer under this section is one-half of the amount computed under paragraph (1), but in no event more than $15,000.

"(c) In determining an officer's years of active service for the purpose of computing separation pay under this section, each full month of service that is in addition to the number of full years of service creditable to the officer is counted as one-twelfth of a year and any remaining fractional part of a month is disregarded.

"(d)(1) A period for which an officer has previously received separation pay, severance pay, or readjustment pay under any other provision of law based on service in a uniformed service may not be included in determining the years of creditable service that may be

counted in computing the separation pay of the officer under this section.

"(2) The total amount that an officer may receive in separation pay under this section and separation pay, severance pay, and readjustment pay under any other provision of law based on service in a uniformed service may not exceed $30,000.

"(e)(1) An officer who has received separation pay under this section, or separation pay, severance pay, or readjustment pay under any other provision of law, based on service in a uniformed service and who later qualifies for retired pay under this Act shall have deducted from each payment of retired pay so much of that pay as is based on the service for which the officer received that separation pay, severance pay, or readjustment pay until the total amount deducted is equal to the total amount of separation pay, severance pay, and readjustment pay received.

"(2) An officer who has received separation pay under this section may not be deprived, by reason of receipt of that pay, of any disability compensation to which the officer is entitled under the laws administered by the Veterans' Administration, but there shall be deducted from that disability compensation an amount equal to the total amount of separation pay received. Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, no deduction may be made from disability compensation for the amount of separation pay received because of an earlier discharge, separation, or release from a period of active duty if the disability which is the basis for that disability compensation was incurred or aggravated during a later period of active duty.".

(2) Section 1174(h)(1) of title 10, United States Code, is amended by striking out "severance pay" the first and second place it appears and inserting in lieu thereof "separation pay, severance pay,".

(b) Section 12(c) of the Coast and Geodetic Survey Commissioned Officers' Act of 1948 (33 U.S.C. 853j-1(c)) is amended—

(1) by striking out "deemed necessary or desirable" and inserting in lieu thereof "determined";

(2) by striking out "alone provided" and inserting in lieu thereof "alone. Any";

(3) by striking out "will terminate" and inserting in lieu thereof "terminates"; and

(4) by striking out "assignment," and all that follows and inserting in lieu thereof "assignment.".

(c)(1) The Coast and Geodetic Survey Commissioned Officers' Act of 1948 (33 U.S.C. 853a et seq.) is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new section:

33 USC 853u.

"SEC. 24. (a) The Secretary may designate positions in the Administration as being positions of importance and responsibility for which it is appropriate that commissioned officers of the Administration, if serving in those positions, serve in the grade of vice admiral, rear admiral, or commodore as designated by the Secretary for each position, and may assign officers to those positions. An officer assigned to any position under this section has the grade designated for that position if appointed to that grade by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate.

"(b) The number of officers serving on active duty under appointments under this section may not exceed—

"(1) one in the grade of vice admiral;

"(2) three in the grade of rear admiral; and

"(3) three in the grade of commodore.

"(c) An officer appointed to a grade under this section, while serving in that grade, shall have the pay and allowances of the grade to which appointed.

"(d) An appointment of an officer under this section—

"(1) does not vacate the permanent grade held by the officer; and

"(2) creates a vacancy on the active list.

"(e) The provisions of section 2(g) of Reorganization Plan Numbered 4 of 1970 (84 Stat. 2090, 5 U.S.C. App.) apply to an officer who serves in a grade above captain under an appointment under this section in the same manner as if the officer served in that grade under section 2(d) or 2(f) of that Reorganization Plan.".

(2) After the date of the enactment of this Act, no appointment of a commissioned officer may be made under section 2(d) or 2(f) of Reorganization Plan Numbered 4 of 1970 (84 Stat. 2090, 5 U.S.C. App.). 33 USC 853u note.

(3) Effective as of December 28, 1977, section 3(a)(1) of Public Law 95-219 is amended by striking out "Section 2" and inserting in lieu thereof "Section 2(e)". Effective date. 5 USC app.; 15 USC 1511 note.

(4)(A) An officer of the commissioned corps of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration who on the day before the date of the enactment of this Act was carried on active duty in the grade of rear admiral and was receiving the basic pay of a rear admiral of the upper half shall after that date be serving in the grade of rear admiral. 33 USC 853u note.

(B) An officer who on the day before the date of the enactment of this Act was serving on active duty in the grade of rear admiral and was receiving the basic pay of a rear admiral of the lower half shall after that date be serving in the grade of commodore, but shall (while serving in that grade) retain the title of rear admiral and be entitled to wear the uniform and insignia of a rear admiral.

(C) An officer who on the date before the date of the enactment of this Act held the grade of rear admiral on the retired list retains the grade of rear admiral and is entitled to wear the uniform and insignia of a rear admiral.

TITLE IV—FISHERIES

SUBTITLE A—PACIFIC FISHERIES DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION

SEC. 410. Section 2 of the Central, Western, and South Pacific Fisheries Development Act (Public Law 92-444; 16 U.S.C. 758e) is amended by striking out "Pacific Tuna Development Foundation" and inserting in lieu thereof "Pacific Fisheries Development Foundation".

SUBTITLE B—FISHERMEN'S CONTINGENCY FUND

SEC. 420. Title IV of the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act Amendments of 1978 (43 U.S.C. 1841 et seq.) is amended—

(1) by striking in section 403(a)(1) "limitation on" and substituting "limitation of not less than 90 days on"; 43 USC 1843.

(2) by striking out "25 per centum" in section 403(c)(1) and inserting in lieu thereof "50 percent";

(3) by striking out ", except" and all that follows thereafter in section 405(a) and inserting in lieu thereof "under subsection (d)(1)."; and 43 USC 1845.

43 USC 1845.

(4) by inserting "time," before "form" in section 405(d)(1).

SUBTITLE C—FISHERIES LOAN FUND

SEC. 430. The Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956 (16 U.S.C. 742a et seq.) is amended—

16 USC 742c.

(1) by striking out "September 30, 1984" each place it appears in section 4(c) and inserting in lieu thereof "September 30, 1986"; and

16 USC 742f.

(2) by striking out "1982, 1983, and 1984." in section 7(c)(6) and inserting in lieu thereof "1982, 1983, 1984, 1985, and 1986.".

SEC. 431. Section 221(a) of the American Fisheries Promotion Act (16 U.S.C. 742c note) is amended—

(1) by amending subsection (a)—

(A) by amending the side heading to read as follows: "LOAN AUTHORITY.—", and

(B) by striking out "September 30, 1984" and inserting in lieu thereof "September 30, 1986";

(2) by amending subsection (b)—

(A) by striking out "each of fiscal years 1982, 1983, 1984," in paragraph (2)(A) and inserting in lieu thereof "each of fiscal years 1982, 1983, 1984, 1985, and 1986,", and

(B) by striking out "1981, 1982, 1983, and 1984" in paragraph (2)(C) and inserting in lieu thereof "1981, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1985, and 1986"; and

(3) by striking out "any of fiscal years 1981, 1982, 1983, and 1984," in subsection (c)(1) and inserting in lieu thereof "any of fiscal years 1981, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1985, and 1986,".

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16 USC 742c-1.

SEC. 432. All moneys in the Fisheries Loan Fund established under Section 4 of the Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956 (16 U.S.C. 742c), as amended, shall be invested by the Secretary of Commerce in obligations of the United States, except so much as shall be currently needed for loans or administrative expenses authorized under the Fisheries Loan Fund. All accrued proceeds from such investment shall be, subject to amounts provided in advance by appropriations, credited by the Secretary of the Treasury to the debt of the Secretary of Commerce incurred under section 1105(d) of the Merchant Marine Act, 1936 (46 U.S.C. 1275), as amended, in connection with fisheries financing under title XI of the Merchant Marine Act, 1936 (46 U.S.C. 1271-1280), as amended, for so long as such debt exists. All accrued proceeds from such investment, after such debt has been liquidated, shall be, subject to amounts provided in advance by appropriations, credited to the fisheries portion of the Federal Ship Financing Fund established under section 1102 of the Merchant Marine Act, 1936 (46 U.S.C. 1272), as amended, and used for the fisheries purposes provided in title XI of the Merchant Marine Act, 1936 (46 U.S.C. 1271-1280), as amended.

SUBTITLE D—GOVERNING INTERNATIONAL FISHERY AGREEMENT WITH THE HOME GOVERNMENT OF THE FAROE ISLANDS AND THE GOVERNMENT OF DENMARK

16 USC 1823 note.

SEC. 440. Notwithstanding section 203 of the Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act of 1976, the Governing International Fishery Agreement between the Government of the United States of America of the One Part and the Home Government of the Faroe Islands and the Government of Denmark of the Other Part

Concerning Faroese Fishing in Fisheries Off the Coasts of the United States, as contained in the message to Congress from the President of the United States dated July 13, 1984—

(1) is approved by Congress as a governing international fishery agreement for purposes of that Act; and

(2) may enter into force with respect to the United States in accordance with the terms of Article XVI of the Agreement following the enactment of this title.

TITLE V—VESSELS

SEC. 510. Notwithstanding sections 12105(d), 12106(a)(2), 12107(a)(2), and 12108(a)(2) of title 46, United States Code, and section 27 of the Merchant Marine Act, 1920 (46 App. U.S.C. 833), as applicable, the Secretary of the department in which the Coast Guard is operating may issue certificates of documentation for the following vessels—

(a) Wingaway, official number 654146;

(b) Endless Summer, official number 296259;

(c) Muskegon Clipper, official number 252908;

(d) Scuba King, official number 532376;

(e) Ululani, official number 239729;

(f) No Slack, official number 587630; and

(g) La Jolie, Michigan registration number MC2780LB.

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