CHAPTER 25—JELLYFISH OR SEA NETTLES, OTHER SUCH PESTS, AND SEAWEED IN COASTAL WATERS: CONTROL OR ELIMINATION

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§ 1201. Declaration of purposes; Secretary's cooperation with and assistance to States

For the purposes of conserving and protecting the fish and shellfish resources in the coastal waters of the United States and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and promoting and safeguarding water-based recreation for present and future generations in these waters, the Secretary of Commerce is authorized to cooperate with, and provide assistance to, the States in controlling and eliminating jellyfish, commonly referred to as ''sea nettles'', and other such pests and in conducting research for the purposes of controlling floating seaweed in such waters.

(Pub. L. 89–720, § 1, Nov. 2, 1966, 80 Stat. 1149; 1970 Reorg. Plan No. 4, eff. Oct. 3, 1970, 35 F.R. 15627, 84 Stat. 2090.)

TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

''Secretary of Commerce'' was substituted in text for ''Secretary of the Interior'' in view of: the creation of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration in the Department of Commerce and the Office of Administrator of such Administration; the abolition of the Bureau of Commercial Fisheries in the Interior Department and the Office of Director of such Bureau; transfers of functions, including functions formerly vested by law in the Secretary of the Interior or the Interior Department which were administered through the Bureau of Commercial Fisheries or were primarily related to such Bureau, exclusive of certain enumerated functions with respect to Great Lakes fishery research, Missouri River Reservoir research, Gulf Breeze Biological Laboratory, and Trans-Alaska pipeline investigations; and transfer of marine sport fish programs of Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife by Reorg. Plan No. 4 of 1970, eff. Oct. 3, 1970, 35 F.R. 15627, 84 Stat. 2090, set out in the Appendix to Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.

§ 1202. Authority of Secretary; studies, research, and investigations; control measures; execution of program; other actions; costs

In carrying out the purposes of this chapter, the Secretary, in cooperation with the States and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, is authorized (1) to conduct, directly or by contract, such studies, research, and investigations, as he deems desirable, to determine the abundance and distribution of jellyfish and other such pests and their effects on fish and shellfish and water-based recreation, (2) to conduct studies of control measures of such pests and of floating seaweed, (3) to carry out, based on studies made pursuant to this chapter, a program of controlling or eliminating such pests and such seaweed, and (4) to take such other actions as the Secretary deems desirable: *Provided*, That the costs of such actions shall be borne equally by the Federal Government and by the States and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, acting jointly or severally.

(Pub. L. 89–720, § 2, Nov. 2, 1966, 80 Stat. 1149.)

§ 1203. Authorization of appropriations

There is authorized to be appropriated not to exceed $500,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1968, $750,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1969, $1,000,000 for the period beginning July 1, 1969, and ending June 30, 1973, and $400,000 for each of the fiscal years ending June 30, 1974, June 30, 1975, June 30, 1976, and June 30, 1977.

(Pub. L. 89–720, § 3, Nov. 2, 1966, 80 Stat. 1149; Pub. L. 91–451, Oct. 14, 1970, 84 Stat. 922; Pub. L. 92–604, Oct. 31, 1972, 86 Stat. 1493.)

AMENDMENTS

1972—Pub. L. 92–604 authorized appropriations of $400,000 for fiscal years ending June 30, 1974, 1975, 1976, and 1977.

1970—Pub. L. 91–451 substituted ''for the period beginning July 1, 1969, and ending June 30, 1973'' for ''for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1970''.

§ 1204. Compacts

The Congress consents to any compact or agreement between any two or more States for the purpose of carrying out a program of research, study, investigation, and control of jellyfish and other such pests in the coastal waters of the United States. The right to alter, amend, or repeal this section or the consent granted herein is expressly reserved.

(Pub. L. 89–720, § 4, Nov. 2, 1966, 80 Stat. 1149.)

§ 1205. General authority of Secretary for conducting studies, research, and investigations unaffected

Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to alter, amend, repeal, modify, or diminish the present general authority of the Secretary of Commerce to conduct studies, research, and investigations related to the mission of the Department of Commerce.

(Pub. L. 89–720, § 5, Nov. 2, 1966, 80 Stat. 1149; 1970 Reorg. Plan No. 4, eff. Oct. 3, 1970, 35 F.R. 15627, 84 Stat. 2090.)

TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

Transfer of functions to Secretary of Commerce from Secretary of the Interior and substitution of Department of Commerce for Department of the Interior by Reorg. Plan No. 4 of 1970, see note set out under section 1201 of this title.

CHAPTER 25A—CROWN OF THORNS STARFISH

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§ 1211. Congressional statement of purpose

For the purpose of conserving and protecting coral reef resources of the tropical islands of in-