

**§ 917a. Study by Secretary of Commerce; report to Congress**

The Secretary of Commerce, in consultation with the Marine Mammal Commission and the coastal States, shall undertake comprehensive studies of all whales found in waters subject to the jurisdiction of the United States, including the fishery conservation zone as defined in section 1802(8)<sup>1</sup> of this title. Such studies shall take into consideration all relevant factors regarding (1) the conservation and protection of all such whales, (2) the distribution, migration patterns, and population dynamics of these mammals, and (3) the effects on all such whales of habitat destruction, disease, pesticides, and other chemicals, disruption of migration patterns, and food shortages for the purpose of developing adequate and effective measures, including appropriate laws and regulations, to conserve and protect such mammals. The Secretary of Commerce shall report on such studies, together with such recommendations as he deems appropriate, including suggested legislation, to the Congress no later than January 1, 1980.

(Pub. L. 94-532, § 3, Oct. 17, 1976, 90 Stat. 2491.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

Section 1802(8) of this title, referred to in text, which defined "fishery conservation zone", was repealed and section 1802(6) of this title, defining "exclusive economic zone", was added by Pub. L. 99-659, title I, § 101(a), Nov. 14, 1986, 100 Stat. 3706. Section 1802 was subsequently amended and the term "exclusive economic zone" is defined elsewhere in that section.

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in section 917b of this title.

**§ 917b. Cooperation of other Federal agencies**

All Federal agencies shall cooperate, to the fullest extent possible, with the Secretary of Commerce in preparing the study and recommendations required by section 917a of this title.

(Pub. L. 94-532, § 4, Oct. 17, 1976, 90 Stat. 2492.)

**§ 917c. Negotiations with Mexico and Canada**

The Secretary of Commerce, through the Secretary of State, shall immediately initiate negotiations for the purpose of developing appropriate bilateral agreements with Mexico and Canada for the protection and conservation of whales.

(Pub. L. 94-532, § 5, Oct. 17, 1976, 90 Stat. 2492.)

**§ 917d. Authorization of appropriations**

For the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this chapter, there is hereby authorized to be appropriated a sum not to exceed \$1,000,000 for fiscal years 1978 and 1979.

(Pub. L. 94-532, § 6, Oct. 17, 1976, 90 Stat. 2492.)

**CHAPTER 15—PREDATORY SEA LAMPREYS IN THE GREAT LAKES**

**§§ 921 to 923. Omitted**

CODIFICATION

Section 921, acts Aug. 8, 1946, ch. 879, § 1, 60 Stat. 930; Aug. 18, 1949, ch. 478, § 3, 63 Stat. 616; July 30, 1951, ch.

256, 65 Stat. 131; July 1, 1952, ch. 537, 66 Stat. 314, directed the Director of the Fish and Wildlife Service to investigate the abundance and distribution of sea lampreys, required a report to the Congress not later than Dec. 31, 1950, and authorized appropriations through the fiscal year ending June 30, 1953.

Sections 922, 923, act Aug. 8, 1946, ch. 879, §§ 2, 3, 60 Stat. 930, 931, which related to cooperation between Federal, State, and local agencies and the annual cost of the program, were omitted by act Aug. 18, 1949, ch. 478, § 3, 63 Stat. 616, which amended act Aug. 8, 1946.

**CHAPTER 15A—GREAT LAKES FISHERIES**

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**§ 931. Definitions**

As used in this chapter, the term—

(a) "Convention" means the Convention on Great Lakes Fisheries between the United States of America and Canada signed at Washington, September 10, 1954;

(b) "Commission" means the Great Lakes Fishery Commission provided for by article II of the convention;

(c) "United States Section" means the United States Commissioners on the Commission;

(d) "Great Lakes State" means any of the following States: Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, or Wisconsin;

(e) "Great Lakes" means any of the following bodies of water: Lake Ontario (including the Saint Lawrence River from Lake Ontario to the forty-fifth parallel of latitude), Lake Erie, Lake Huron (including Lake Saint Clair), Lake Michigan, or Lake Superior.

(June 4, 1956, ch. 358, § 2, 70 Stat. 242.)

SHORT TITLE

Section 1 of act June 4, 1956, provided: "That this Act [enacting this chapter] may be cited as the 'Great Lakes Fishery Act of 1956'."

SEPARABILITY

Section 14 of act June 4, 1956, provided that: "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".

<sup>1</sup> See References in Text note below.