

Editorial Notes**AMENDMENTS**

2016—Subsec. (a)(5). Pub. L. 114-327 substituted “fishery resources” for “fish”.

2015—Pub. L. 114-81, § 111(1), in section catchline, substituted “and enforcement” for “and penalties”.

Subsec. (a)(2), (3). Pub. L. 114-81, § 111(2), (3), inserted “, investigation,” before “or inspection”.

Subsecs. (b) to (f). Pub. L. 114-81, § 111(4), added subsec. (b) and struck out former subsecs. (b) to (f), which related to civil penalty, criminal penalty, civil forfeitures, enforcement, and jurisdiction of courts.

1998—Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 105-384 substituted “section” for “sections”.

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS**

For transfer of authorities, functions, personnel, and assets of the Coast Guard, including the authorities and functions of the Secretary of Transportation relating thereto, to the Department of Homeland Security, and for treatment of related references, see sections 468(b), 551(d), 552(d), and 557 of Title 6, Domestic Security, and the Department of Homeland Security Reorganization Plan of November 25, 2002, as modified, set out as a note under section 542 of Title 6.

§ 5607. Consultative committee**(a) Establishment**

The Secretary of State and the Secretary, shall jointly establish a consultative committee to advise the Secretaries on issues related to the Convention.

(b) Membership

(1) The membership of the Committee shall include representatives from the New England and Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Councils, the States represented on those Councils, the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission, the fishing industry, the seafood processing industry, and others knowledgeable and experienced in the conservation and management of fisheries in the Northwest Atlantic Ocean.

(2) **TERMS AND REAPPOINTMENT.**—Each member of the consultative committee shall serve for a term of 2 years and shall be eligible for reappointment.

(c) Duties of committee

Members of the consultative committee may attend—

- (1) all public meetings of the Commission;
- (2) any other meetings to which they are invited by the Commission; and
- (3) all nonexecutive meetings of the United States Commissioners.

(d) Relationship to other law

Chapter 10 of title 5 shall not apply to the consultative committee established under this section.

(Pub. L. 104-43, title II, § 208, Nov. 3, 1995, 109 Stat. 380; Pub. L. 114-327, title V, § 507, Dec. 16, 2016, 130 Stat. 1996; Pub. L. 117-286, § 4(a)(125), Dec. 27, 2022, 136 Stat. 4319.)

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2022—Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 117-286 substituted “Chapter 10 of title 5” for “The Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.)”.

2016—Subsec. (b)(2). Pub. L. 114-327, § 507(1), substituted “2” for “two”.

Subsec. (c)(1), (2). Pub. L. 114-327, § 507(2), struck out “General Council or the Fisheries” before “Commission”.

§ 5608. Administrative matters**(a) Prohibition on compensation**

A person shall not receive any compensation from the Government by reason of any service of the person as—

(1) a Commissioner, Alternate Commissioner, Representative, or Alternative Representative;

(2) an expert or adviser authorized under section 5601(e) of this title; or

(3) a member of the consultative committee established by section 5607 of this title.

(b) Travel and expenses

The Secretary of State shall, subject to the availability of appropriations, pay all necessary travel and other expenses of persons described in subsection (a)(1) and of not more than six experts and advisers authorized under section 5601(e) of this title with respect to their actual performance of their official duties pursuant to this chapter, in accordance with the Federal Travel Regulations and sections 5701, 5702, 5704 through 5708, and 5731 of title 5.

(c) Status as Federal employees

A person shall not be considered to be a Federal employee by reason of any service of the person in a capacity described in subsection (a), except for purposes of injury compensation and tort claims liability under chapter 81 of title 5 and chapter 171 of title 28, respectively.

(Pub. L. 104-43, title II, § 209, Nov. 3, 1995, 109 Stat. 381; Pub. L. 105-384, title II, § 201(b)(2), Nov. 13, 1998, 112 Stat. 3451.)

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1998—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 105-384 substituted “171” for “17”.

§ 5609. Definitions

In this chapter:

(1) 1982 Convention

The term “1982 Convention” means the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982.

(2) Authorized enforcement officer

The term “authorized enforcement officer” means a person authorized to enforce this chapter, any regulation issued under this chapter, or any measure that is legally binding on the United States under the Convention.

(3) Commission

The term “Commission” means the body provided for by Articles V, VI, XIII, XIV, and XV of the Convention.

(4) Commissioner

The term “Commissioner” means a United States Commissioner to the Northwest Atlan-