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SALTONSTALL-KENNEDY ACT, AS AMENDED^{1/}
(An Excerpt from Title 15 of the United States Code)

Sec. 713c-3. Promotion of the free flow of domestically produced fishery products.

(a) Transfer of funds.

The Secretary of Agriculture shall transfer to the Secretary of the Interior each fiscal year, beginning with the fiscal year commencing July 1, 1954, and ending on June 30, 1957, from moneys made available to carry out the provisions of section 612c of Title 7, an amount equal to 30 per centum of the gross receipts from duties collected under the customs laws on fishery products (including fish, shellfish, mollusks, crustacea, aquatic plants and animals, and any products thereof, including processed and manufactured products), which shall be maintained in a separate fund and used by the Secretary of the Interior (1) to promote the free flow of domestically produced fishery products in commerce by conducting a fishery educational service and fishery technological, biological and related research programs, the moneys so transferred to be also available for the purchase or other acquisition, construction, equipment, operation, and maintenance of vessels or other facilities necessary for conducting research as provided for in this section, and (2) to develop and increase markets for fishery products of domestic origin, and (3) to conduct any biological, technological, or other research pertaining to American fisheries.

(b) Transfer of vessels or equipment by agencies.

For the purposes of this section, any agency of the United States, or any corporation wholly owned by the United States, is authorized to transfer, without reimbursement or transfer of funds, any vessels or equipment excess to its needs required by the Secretary of the Interior for the activities, studies, and research authorized herein.

^{1/}The Act of July 1, 1954, which was enacted as an amendment to the Act of August 11, 1939, was not given a popular title by the Congress but by common usage has become known as the Saltonstall-Kennedy Act or S-K Act.

(c) Cooperation by Secretary of the Interior with other agencies, etc.; advisory committee.

In carrying out the purposes and objectives of this section, the Secretary of the Interior is directed as far as practicable to cooperate with other appropriate agencies of the Federal Government, with State or local governmental agencies, private agencies, organizations, or individuals, having jurisdiction over or an interest in fish or fishery commodities and he is authorized to appoint an advisory committee of the American fisheries industry to advise him in the formulation of policy, rules and regulations pertaining to requests for assistance, and other matters.

(d) Retransfer of funds for purposes of section 713c-2.

The Secretary of the Interior is further authorized to retransfer any of the funds not to exceed \$1,500,000 to be made available under this section to the Secretary of Agriculture to be used for the purposes specified in section 713c-2 of this title, and only such funds as are thus transferred shall be used for the purposes specified in section 713c-2 of this title with respect to domestically produced fishery products.

(e) Availability of funds.

The separate fund created for the use of the Secretary of the Interior under subsection (a) of this section and the annual accruals thereto shall be available for each year hereafter until expended by the Secretary.

(f) Reports to Congressional committees.

The Secretary of the Interior shall make a report to the appropriate committees of Congress annually on the use of the separate fund created under this section. (Aug. 11, 1939, ch. 696, Sec. 2, 53 Stat. 1412; July 1, 1954, ch. 447, 68 Stat. 376; Aug. 8, 1956, ch. 1036, Sec. 12(b), 70 Stat. 1124.)

CONTINUATION OF AUTHORIZATION FOR TRANSFER OF FUNDS

Section 12(a) of Act Aug. 8, 1956^{2/}, provided that:
"The authorization for the transfer of certain funds from the Secretary of Agriculture to the Secretary of the Interior and their maintenance in a separate fund as contained in section 2(a) of the Act of August 11, 1939, as amended July 1, 1954 (68 Stat. 376), subsection (a) of this section, shall be continued for the year ending June 30, 1957, and each year thereafter."

^{2/}The Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956, The text of this Act is available in Fishery Leaflet 557.

Created in 1849, the Department of the Interior—America's Department of Natural Resources—is concerned with the management, conservation, and development of the Nation's water, fish, wildlife, mineral, forest, and park and recreational resources. It also has major responsibilities for Indian and Territorial affairs.

As the Nation's principal conservation agency, the Department works to assure that nonrenewable resources are developed and used wisely, that park and recreational resources are conserved for the future, and that renewable resources make their full contribution to the progress, prosperity, and security of the United States—now and in the future.