

(b) ALTERNATE COMMISSIONERS.--

(1) IN GENERAL --The Secretary, in consultation with the Secretary of State and the Alaska Nanuuq Commission, shall designate an alternate commissioner for each member of the United States section.

(2) DUTIES --In the absence of a United States commissioner, an alternate commissioner may exercise all functions of the United States commissioner at any meetings of the Commission or of the United States section.

(3) REAPPOINTMENT --An alternate commissioner--

(A) < < NOTE: President.> > shall be eligible for reappointment by the President; and

(B) may attend all meetings of the United States section.

(c) DUTIES --The members of the United States section may carry out the functions and responsibilities described in article 8 of the Agreement in accordance with this title and the Agreement.

(d) COMPENSATION AND EXPENSES --

(1) COMPENSATION --A member of the United States section shall serve without compensation.

(2) TRAVEL EXPENSES --A member of the United States section shall be allowed travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, at rates authorized for an employee of an agency under subchapter I of chapter 57 of title 5, United States Code, while away from the home or regular place of business of the member in the performance of the duties of the United States-Russia Polar Bear Commission.

(e) AGENCY DESIGNATION --The United States section shall, for the purpose of title 28, United States Code, relating to claims against the United States and tort claims procedure, be considered to be a Federal agency.

**VOTES TAKEN BY THE UNITED STATES
SECTION ON MATTERS BEFORE THE COMMISSION.**

16 U.S.C. 1423e

Sec. 506 In accordance with paragraph 3 of article 8 of the Agreement, the United States section, made up of commissioners appointed by the President, shall vote on any issue before the United States-Russia Polar Bear Commission only if there is no disagreement between the United States commissioners regarding the vote.

**IMPLEMENTATION OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY
THE COMMISSION.**

16 U.S.C. 1423f

Sec. 507 (a) IN GENERAL --The Secretary shall take all necessary actions to implement the decisions and determinations of the Commission under paragraph 7 of article 8 of the Agreement.

(b) < < NOTE: DEADLINE. NOTICE. FEDERAL REGISTER, PUBLICATION.> > Taking Limitation.--Not later than 60 days after the date on which the Secretary receives notice of the determination of the Commission of an annual taking limit, or of the adoption by the Commission of other restriction on the taking of polar bears for subsistence purposes, the Secretary shall publish a notice in the Federal Register announcing the determination or restriction.

APPLICATION WITH OTHER TITLES OF ACT

16 U.S.C. 1423g

Sec. 508 (a) IN GENERAL --The authority of the Secretary under this title is in addition to, and shall not affect--

- (1) the authority of the Secretary under other titles of this Act or the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 (16 U.S.C. 3371 et seq.) or the exemption for Alaskan natives under section 101(b) of this Act as applied to other marine mammal populations; or
- (2) the authorities provided under title II of this Act.

(b) CERTAIN PROVISIONS INAPPLICABLE --The provisions of titles I through IV of this Act do not apply with respect to the implementation or administration of this title, except as specified in section 503.

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AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

16 U.S.C. 1423h

Sec. 509 (a) IN GENERAL.--There are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary to carry out the functions and responsibilities of the Secretary under this title and the Agreement \$1,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2006 through 2010.

(b) COMMISSION.--There are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary to carry out functions and responsibilities of the United States Section \$150,000 for each of fiscal years 2006 through 2010.

(c) ALASKAN COOPERATIVE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM.--There are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary to carry out this title and the Agreement in Alaska \$150,000 for each of fiscal years 2006 through 2010..