

Public Law 95-53
95th Congress

An Act

To authorize appropriations for fiscal years 1978, 1979, and 1980 to carry out the Commercial Fisheries Research and Development Act of 1964.

June 22, 1977

[H.R. 6206]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 4 of the Commercial Fisheries Research and Development Act of 1964 (16 U.S.C. 779b) is amended—

Commercial
Fisheries
Research and
Development Act
of 1964,
amendments.

(1) by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

“(a) There are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary of Commerce for apportionment to the States to carry out the purposes of this Act the following sums:

“(1) \$5,000,000 for each of the fiscal years ending June 30, 1974, June 30, 1975, and June 30, 1976, and September 30, 1977,

“(2) \$10,000,000 for each of the fiscal years ending September 30, 1978, September 30, 1979, and September 30, 1980.”;

(2) by amending that part of subsection (b) which precedes “and any sums made available” in the first proviso thereto to read as follows:

“(b) In addition to the amounts authorized in subsection (a) of this section, there are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary of Commerce—

“(1) \$1,500,000 for each of the fiscal years ending June 30, 1974, June 30, 1975, June 30, 1976, and September 30, 1977, and

“(2) \$3,000,000 for each of the fiscal years ending September 30, 1978, September 30, 1979, and September 30, 1980

which shall be available to the States in such amounts as the Secretary of Commerce may determine appropriate for the purposes of this Act: *Provided*, That the Secretary shall give a preference to those States in which he determines there is a commercial fishery failure or serious disruption affecting future production due to a resource disaster arising from natural or undetermined causes in providing funds to States from the amount in clause (2) of this subsection.”; and

(3) by amending subsection (c) to read as follows:

“(c) In addition to the funds authorized in subsections (a) and (b) of this section, there are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary of Commerce the following sums which shall be made available to one or more States in such amounts as the Secretary of Commerce may determine to be appropriate for developing a new commercial fishery therein:

“(1) \$100,000 for each of the fiscal years ending June 30, 1974, June 30, 1975, June 30, 1976, and September 30, 1977.

“(2) \$500,000 for each of the fiscal years ending September 30, 1978, September 30, 1979, and September 30, 1980.”.

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May 17, considered and passed Senate, amended.

June 1, House concurred in Senate amendment.