

AN ACT

To further amend sections 205 and 206 of title 24 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia (Annotated), as amended by Public Law No. 19-169, to clarify the role of the National Oceanic Resource Management Authority in hiring the Executive Director to manage the day-to-day activities of the Authority, including the hiring of staff, and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA:

1 Section 1. Section 205 of title 24 of the Code of the
2 Federated States of Micronesia (Annotated), as amended by
3 Public Law No. 19-169, is hereby further amended to read as
4 follows:

5 Section 205. Authority - duties and functions.

6 In addition to the regulatory authority granted in
7 the preceding section, the Authority shall have the
8 following duties and functions:

9 (1) to provide technical assistance in the
10 delimitation of the exclusive economic zone in
11 accordance with section 107 of title 18 of the Code of
12 the Federated States of Micronesia;

13 (2) to negotiate, conclude and implement access
14 agreements and fisheries management agreements in
15 accordance with sections 105 and 106 of chapter 1 of
16 this subtitle and chapters 4 and 5 of this subtitle;

17 (3) to issue fishing permits in accordance with

1 this subtitle;

2 (4) to issue permits for fishing in the territorial
3 sea or internal waters of an FSM State as authorized
4 pursuant to section 118 of chapter 1 of this subtitle;

5 (5) to regulate related activities in accordance with
6 this subtitle;

7 (6) to coordinate and implement fisheries monitoring
8 and control as required under this subtitle and under
9 international treaties to which the Federated States of
10 Micronesia is a party;

11 (7) to cooperate as appropriate with other nations or
12 territories in the region and with foreign states
13 fishing in the region and adjacent high seas area for
14 the conservation and management of highly migratory
15 fish stocks;

16 (8) to cooperate in and coordinate as appropriate
17 with each FSM State on fisheries management measures in
18 the exclusive economic zone and territorial sea;

19 (9) to convene and chair a Fisheries Management
20 and Surveillance Working Group as set forth in section
21 207 of this chapter;

22 (10) to employ a full-time Executive Director;

23 (11) to submit the Authority's budget and
24 report regarding the expenditure of its funds to the
25 Congress each regular session for review;

(12) to contribute to the planning of programs relating to fisheries, or fishing in the exclusive economic zone, in which an FSM State government or the Government of the Federated States of Micronesia, or any agency or subdivision thereof, has a proprietary interest, direct or indirect, by way of stock ownership, partnership, joint venture or otherwise;

(13) to act as the authority responsible for implementing the international fisheries and related obligations of the Federated States of Micronesia including the verification of catch and issuance of catch certificates;

(14) to perform such other duties and functions as may be necessary to carry out the purpose of this subtitle."

15 Section 2. Section 206 of title 24 of the Code of the
16 Federated States of Micronesia (Annotated), is hereby amended
17 to read as follows:

18 "Section 206. Executive Director. The Authority
19 shall employ a full-time Executive Director possessing
20 such qualifications as may be established by the
21 Authority. The Executive Director shall receive a
22 remuneration for his services, the amount of which
23 shall be fixed by the Authority in accordance with the
24 pertinent provisions of the current annual budget of
25 the Government of the Federated States of Micronesia.

1 The Executive Director shall be responsible for the
2 day-to-day activities, including hiring of employees
3 and other staff of the Authority. The Executive
4 Director shall serve at the pleasure of the Authority
5 and shall be exempt from the provisions of the
6 National Public Service System Act, section 111 et
7 seq. of title 52 of this code."

8 Section 3. This act shall become law upon approval by the
9 President of the Federated States of Micronesia or upon its
10 becoming law without such approval.

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