

otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$213,000 for the purpose of cooperating with the following public-school districts (both organized and unorganized) in the State of Minnesota, such appropriation to be apportioned as follows: Naytahwaush, Independent School District Numbered 29, Mahnomen County, \$146,000; Inger, District Numbered 6 (Deer River), Itasca County, \$12,500; Lake Lena, District Numbered 129, Pine County, \$12,500; Pine Point, District Numbered 133, Becker County, \$27,000; Squaw Point area, unorganized territory, Cass County, \$15,000; for the construction, extension, equipment, and improvement of public-school facilities: *Provided*, That the expenditure of any money so authorized shall be subject to the express conditions that the schools maintained by these said districts in the said buildings shall be available to all Indian children of the districts, on the same terms, except as to payment of tuition, as other children of said school districts: *Provided further*, That plans and specifications for construction, extension, or improvement of structures shall be furnished by local or State authorities without cost to the United States Government, and upon approval thereof by the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, actual work shall proceed under the direction of such local or State officials. Payment for work in place shall be made monthly on vouchers properly certified by local officials of the Indian Service: *Provided further*, That any amount expended on any project hereunder, title to which will, after recoupment is accomplished, vest in the public school district, shall be recouped by the United States within a period of thirty years, commencing with the date of occupancy of the project, through reducing the annual Federal payments for the education of Indian pupils enrolled in public or high schools of the district involved, or by the acceptance of Indian pupils in such schools without cost to the United States, and in computing the amount of recoupment for each project interest at 3 per centum per annum shall be included on unrecouped balances: *And provided further*, That not to exceed 10 per centum of the amount allocable to any of the several above-named districts may be transferred in the discretion of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, to the amount of any other of the above-mentioned projects, but no project shall be increased more than 10 per centum by any such transfer.

Approved July 24, 1947.

[CHAPTER 316]

AN ACT

Granting the consent and approval of Congress to an interstate compact relating to the better utilization of the fisheries (marine, shell, and anadromous) of the Pacific coast and creating the Pacific Marine Fisheries Commission,

Availability of schools to Indian children.

Plans and specifications.

Payment for work.

Recoupment by U. S.

Transfer of funds.

July 24, 1947
[H. R. 3598]
[Public Law 232]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the consent and approval of Congress is hereby given to an interstate compact relating to the better utilization of the fisheries (marine, shell, and anadromous) of the Pacific coast, creating the Pacific Marine Fisheries Commission, and now ratified by the States of California, Oregon, and Washington. The compact reads as follows:

Interstate fisheries compact, Pacific coast.

Pacific Marine Fisheries Commission.

“PACIFIC MARINE FISHERIES COMPACT

“The contracting states do hereby agree as follows:

“ARTICLE I

“The purposes of this compact are and shall be to promote the better utilization of fisheries, marine, shell and anadromous, which are of mutual concern, and to develop a joint program of protection

Purposes.

and prevention of physical waste of such fisheries in all of those areas of the Pacific ocean over which the states of California, Oregon and Washington jointly or separately now have or may hereafter acquire jurisdiction.

Limiting of production, etc.

“Nothing herein contained shall be construed so as to authorize the aforesaid states or any of them to limit the production of fish or fish products for the purpose of establishing or fixing the prices thereof or creating and perpetuating a monopoly.

“ARTICLE II

Operation of agreement.

“This agreement shall become operative immediately as to those states executing it whenever two or more of the states of California, Oregon and Washington have executed it in the form that is in accordance with the laws of the executing state and the congress has given its consent.

“ARTICLE III

State representation on commission.

“Each state joining herein shall appoint, as determined by state statutes, one or more representatives to a commission hereby constituted and designated as the Pacific Marine Fisheries Commission, of whom one shall be the administrative or other officer of the agency of such state charged with the conservation of the fisheries resources to which this compact pertains. This commission shall be invested with the powers and duties set forth herein.

Term of commissioners, etc.

“The term of each commissioner of the Pacific marine fisheries commission shall be four years. A commissioner shall hold office until his successor shall be appointed and qualified but such successor's term shall expire four years from legal date of expiration of the term of his predecessor. Vacancies occurring in the office of such commissioner from any reason or cause shall be filled for the unexpired term, or a commissioner may be removed from office, as provided by the statutes of the state concerned. Each commissioner may delegate in writing from time to time, to a deputy, the power to be present and participate, including voting as his representative or substitute, at any meeting or hearing by or other proceeding of the commission.

Voting powers.

“Voting powers under this compact shall be limited to one vote for each state regardless of the number of representatives.

“ARTICLE IV

Inquiry respecting conservation, etc.

“The duty of the said commission shall be to make inquiry and ascertain from time to time such methods, practices, circumstances and conditions as may be disclosed for bringing about the conservation and the prevention of the depletion and physical waste of the fisheries, marine, shell and anadromous, in all of those areas of the Pacific ocean over which the states of California, Oregon and Washington jointly or separately now have or may hereafter acquire jurisdiction. The commission shall have power to recommend the coordination of the exercise of the police powers of the several states within their respective jurisdictions and said conservation zones to promote the preservation of those fisheries and their protection against overfishing, waste, depletion or any abuse whatsoever and to assure a continuing yield from the fisheries resources of the signatory parties hereto.

Coordination of police powers.

Recommendations to governors and legislatures.

“To that end the commission shall draft and, after consultation with the advisory committee hereinafter authorized, recommend to the governors and legislative branches of the various signatory states hereto legislation dealing with the conservation of the marine, shell and anadromous fisheries in all of those areas of the Pacific

ocean over which the states of California, Oregon and Washington jointly or separately now have or may hereafter acquire jurisdiction. The commission shall, more than one month prior to any regular meeting of the legislative branch in any state signatory hereto, present to the governor of such state its recommendations relating to enactments by the legislative branch of that state in furthering the intents and purposes of this compact.

"The commission shall consult with and advise the pertinent administrative agencies in the signatory states with regard to problems connected with the fisheries and recommend the adoption of such regulations as it deems advisable and which lie within the jurisdiction of such agencies.

"The commission shall have power to recommend to the states signatory hereto the stocking of the waters of such states with marine, shell or anadromous fish or fish eggs or joint stocking by some or all of such states and when two or more of the said states shall jointly stock waters the commission shall act as the coordinating agency for such stocking.

"ARTICLE V

"The commission shall elect from its number a chairman and a vice chairman and shall appoint and at its pleasure remove or discharge such officers and employes as may be required to carry the provisions of this compact into effect and shall fix and determine their duties, qualifications and compensation. Said commission shall adopt rules and regulations for the conduct of its business. It may establish and maintain one or more offices for the transaction of its business and may meet at any time or place within the territorial limits of the signatory states but must meet at least once a year.

"ARTICLE VI

"No action shall be taken by the commission except by the affirmative vote of a majority of the whole number of compacting states represented at any meeting. No recommendation shall be made by the commission in regard to any species of fish except by the vote of a majority of the compacting states which have an interest in such species.

"ARTICLE VII

"The fisheries research agencies of the signatory states shall act in collaboration as the official research agency of the Pacific marine fisheries commission.

"An advisory committee to be representative of the commercial fishermen, commercial fishing industry and such other interests of each state as the commission deems advisable shall be established by the commission as soon as practicable for the purpose of advising the commission upon such recommendations as it may desire to make.

"ARTICLE VIII

"Nothing in this compact shall be construed to limit the powers of any state or to repeal or prevent the enactment of any legislation or the enforcement of any requirement by any state imposing additional conditions and restrictions to conserve its fisheries.

"ARTICLE IX

"Continued absence of representation or of any representative on the commission from any state party hereto, shall be brought to the attention of the governor thereof.

Consultations.

Stocking of waters with fish and fish eggs.

Organization.

Offices.

Action taken by commission.

State research agencies.

Advisory committee.

Powers of State.

Continued absence of representation.

"ARTICLE X

Contributions of compacting States.

"The states agree to make available annual funds for the support of the commission in proportion to the primary market value of the products of their fisheries as recorded in the latest published reports (five year average), provided no state shall contribute less than two thousand dollars (\$2,000) per annum and the annual contribution of each state above the minimum shall be figured to the nearest one hundred dollars.

"The compacting states agree to make available initially the annual amounts scheduled below, which amounts are calculated in the manner set forth herein, on the basis of the latest five year catch records. Subsequent budgets shall be recommended by a majority of the commission and the total amount thereof allocated equitably among the states in accordance with the above formula.

"Schedule of Initial Annual State Contributions	
California.....	\$11,000
Oregon.....	\$ 2,000
Washington.....	\$ 2,000
Total.....	\$15,000

"ARTICLE XI

Duration.

"This compact shall continue in force and remain binding upon each state until renounced by it. Renunciation of this compact must be preceded by sending six months' notice in writing of intention to withdraw from the compact to the other parties hereto."

Report to Congress.

SEC. 2. The Pacific Marine Fisheries Commission constituted by the compact shall make an annual report to Congress not later than sixty days after the beginning of each regular session thereof.

SEC. 3. The right to alter, amend, or repeal the provisions of sections 1, 2, and 3 is hereby expressly reserved.

Approved July 24, 1947.

[CHAPTER 320]

AN ACT

To make surplus property available for the alleviation of damage caused by flood or other catastrophe.

July 25, 1947
[S. 1615]
[Public Law 233]

Transfer of surplus property to alleviate flood damage, etc.

50 U. S. C. app.
§§ 1611-1646.
Post, p. 678.

Receipts from transfers.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, notwithstanding any other provisions of law, the War Assets Administration shall, whenever the President shall determine it to be necessary or appropriate because of flood or other catastrophe, transfer, without reimbursement, to the Federal Works Agency such articles of personal property, which have been declared surplus under the provisions of the Surplus Property Act of 1944 (58 Stat. 765), as amended, as in the judgment of the Federal Works Administrator and the War Assets Administrator can be presently utilized in alleviating damage, hardship, and suffering caused by such flood or other catastrophe.

SEC. 2. The Federal Works Administrator is authorized to loan or transfer, with or without monetary consideration and upon such terms and conditions as he may prescribe, to States and local governments situated in any area struck by any such flood or catastrophe, any property transferred to the Federal Works Agency for such purposes pursuant to the provisions of this Act. All receipts from such transfer shall be covered into the Treasury of the United States to the credit of miscellaneous receipts.