

CHAPTER 3.**TUNA AND GAME-FISH CONSERVATION ZONE****ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS****Section**

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An Act to establish a Tuna and Game-Fish Conservation Zone Act and to provide for a 50 mile limit from the base line of each atoll and island in the Republic as a tuna and game-fish conservation zone, and for related purposes. [With the repeal of original Chs 1"-Marine Resources Act", 3-"Harvesting of Trochus", and 4-"Marine Resources Authority" the remaining Chapters have been re-numbered. This Act was formerly Ch. 6. [Rev.2003]

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§301. Short Title.

This Chapter may be cited as the Tuna and Game-Fish Conservation Zone Act 1996. [P.L. 1996-22, §1.]

§302. Interpretation.

(1) For purposes of this Chapter, "game-fish" means such species of fish designated as game-fish by the Marshall Islands Marine Resources Authority by regulation.

(2) Words and expressions used in this Chapter which are also used in the Marine Zones (Declaration) Act 1984, 33 MIRC 2, and the Marshall Islands Marine Resources Authority Act 1997, 51 MIRC 1, (hereinafter referred to as the "MIMRA Act") shall have the meanings assigned to them in those Chapters. [P.L. 1996-22, §2.]

§303. Tuna and Game-Fish Conservation Zone.

(1) There is hereby established a Tuna and Game-Fish Conservation Zone, (hereinafter referred to as the "Conservation Zone"), in the Republic of the Marshall Islands.

(2) The Conservation zone shall comprise those parts of the sea having as their inner limits, the base lines of Kwajalein and Majuro Atolls, and having as their outer limits, a line drawn 50 nautical miles seaward from such base lines as designated by the Marshall Islands Marine Resources Authority through regulations.

(3) The Conservation Zone shall be part of the fishery waters of the Republic for the purposes of the MIMRA Act. [P.L. 1996-22, §3.]

§304. Prohibitions.

Notwithstanding the provisions of any other Act, law, or regulation having the force of the law in the Republic, no foreign fishing vessel, and no local fishing vessel or other vessel or person without a valid license issued by the Marshall Islands Marine Resources Authority may fish within the Conservation Zone. This Section shall not apply to vessels engaged in sport fishing and subsistence fishing activities. [P.L. 1996-22, §4.]

§305. Violations and Penalties.

Any person who violates any provision of this Chapter, or any regulation adopted thereunder, shall be guilty of an offense and on conviction thereof, be liable to the civil and criminal penalties, as well as the forfeiture and seizure sanctions, specified in Sections 440, 441, and 442 respectively, of the MIMRA Act. [P.L. 1996-22, §5.]