

Eastern Pacific Tuna Licensing Act

Agencies: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Citation: [16 U.S.C. §§ 972 et seq.](#)

Enacted as: the “Eastern Pacific Tuna Licensing Act of 1984”, on October 4, 1984

Summary:

The [Eastern Pacific Tuna Licensing Act of 1984 \(Act\)](#) was passed by Congress to implement the Eastern Pacific Ocean Tuna Fishing Agreement (Agreement), signed in San Jose, Costa Rica on March 15, 1983. This Act mandates that the Secretary of Commerce, in cooperation with the Secretary of State and the Secretary of the department in which the Coast Guard is operating, to issue regulations as necessary to carry out the purposes and objectives of the Agreement and the Act. Such regulations “may be made applicable as necessary to all persons and vessels subject to the jurisdiction of the United States, wherever located” (16 U.S.C. § 972e). Enforcement of the Act is the joint responsibility of the U.S. Coast Guard, the U.S. Department of Commerce, and the U.S. Customs Service.

Source: [16 U.S.C. §§ 972 et seq.](#)

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