

Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Convention Act

Agencies: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and U.S. Department of Transportation

Citation: [16 U.S.C. §§ 5601 et seq.](#)

Enacted as: the “Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Convention Act of 1995”, on November 3, 1995

Summary:

The [Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Convention Act \(the Act\)](#) directs the Secretary of Commerce to appoint 3 Commissioners to the NW Atlantic Fisheries Organization. The Secretary of State is responsible for receiving and transmitting communications to the Organization. The Secretary of Commerce is responsible for promulgating regulations as necessary to carry out the Convention and the Act. The Secretaries of Commerce and Transportation are both responsible for enforcing the provisions of the Act. The Secretary of Commerce must make an annual report to congress of the activities of the Commission, Councils, and Consultative Committee discussed in the Act. The Secretary of Commerce is required to seek to establish a new practice for allocating quotas under the Convention.

Source: [16 U.S.C. §§ 5601 et seq.](#)

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