

**PUBLIC LAW 104-91: PRIBILOF ISLANDS ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION ACT OF 1996**

**One Hundred Fourth Congress of the United States of America**

AT THE SECOND SESSION

Begun and held at the City of Washington on Wednesday, the third day of January, one thousand nine hundred and ninety-six

An Act

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

**SEC. 3. PRIBILOF ISLANDS.**

(a) IN GENERAL— The Secretary of Commerce shall, subject to the availability of appropriations provided for the purposes of this section, clean up landfills, wastes, dumps, debris, storage tanks, property, hazardous or unsafe conditions, and contaminants, including petroleum products and their derivatives, left by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration on lands which it and its predecessor agencies abandoned, quitclaimed, or otherwise transferred or are obligated to transfer, to local entities or residents on the Pribilof Islands, Alaska, pursuant to the Fur-Seal Act of 1966 (16 U.S.C. 1151 et seq.), as amended, or other applicable law.

(b) OBLIGATIONS OF SECRETARY— In carrying out cleanup activities under subsection (a), the Secretary of Commerce shall—

- (1) to the maximum extent practicable, execute agreements with the State of Alaska, and affected local governments, entities, and residents eligible to receive conveyance of lands under the Fur-Seal Act of 1966 (16 U.S.C. 1161 et seq.) or other applicable law;
- (2) manage such activities with the minimum possible overhead, delay, and duplication of State and local planning and design work;
- (3) receive approval from the State of Alaska for agreements described in paragraph (1) where such activities are required by State law;
- (4) receive approval from affected local entities or residents before conducting such activities on their property; and
- (5) not seek or require financial contributions by or from local entities or landowners.

(c) RESOLUTION OF FEDERAL RESPONSIBILITIES— (1) Within 9 months after the date of enactment of this section, and after consultation with the Secretary of the Interior, the State of Alaska, and local entities and residents of the Pribilof Islands, the Secretary of Commerce shall submit to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate, and the Committee on Resources of the House of Representatives, a report proposing necessary actions by the Secretary of Commerce and Congress to resolve all claims with respect to, and permit the final implementation, fulfillment and completion of—

- (A) title II of the Fur-Seal Act Amendments of 1983 (16 U.S.C. 1161 et seq.);

(B) the land conveyance entitlements of local entities and residents of the Pribilof Islands under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.);

(C) the provisions of this section; and

(D) any other matters which the Secretary deems appropriate.

- (2) The report required under paragraph (1) shall include the estimated costs of all actions, and shall contain the statements of the Secretary of Commerce, the Secretary of the Interior, any statement submitted by the State of Alaska, and any statements of claims or recommendations submitted by local entities and residents of the Pribilof Islands.

(c) USE OF LOCAL ENTITIES— Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, the Secretary of Commerce shall, to the maximum extent practicable, carry out activities under subsection (a) and fulfill other obligations under Federal and State law relating to the Pribilof Islands, through grants or other agreements with local entities and residents of the Pribilof Islands, unless specialized skills are needed for an activity, and the Secretary specifies in writing that such skills are not available through local entities and residents of the Pribilof Islands.

(e) DEFINITION— For the purposes of this section, the term `clean up` means the planning and execution of remediation actions for lands described in subsection (a) and the redevelopment of landfills to meet statutory requirements.

(f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS— There are authorized to be appropriated not to exceed \$10,000,000 in each of fiscal years 1996, 1997, and 1998 for the purposes of carrying out this section.

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Vice President of the United States and

President of the Senate.