

TITLE 43 - PUBLIC LANDS

CHAPTER 16 - SALE AND DISPOSAL OF PUBLIC LANDS

§ 687c. Alaskan land leases for fur farming; citizenship; acreage limitation; period; terms and conditions; laws applicable to mineral resources; reservations

The Secretary of the Interior, in order to encourage and promote development of production of furs in the Territory of Alaska, is authorized to lease to corporations organized under the laws of the United States, or of any state or Territory thereof, citizens of the United States, or associations of such citizens, public lands of the United States in the Territory of Alaska suitable for fur farming, in areas not exceeding six hundred and forty acres, and for periods not exceeding ten years, upon such terms and conditions as he may by general regulations prescribe: Provided, That where leases are given hereunder for islands or lands within the same, such lease may, in the discretion of the Secretary of the Interior, be for an area not to exceed thirty square miles: Provided further, That nothing herein contained shall prevent the prospecting, locating, development, entering, leasing, or patenting of the mineral resources of any lands so leased under laws applicable thereto: And provided further, That this section shall not be held nor construed to apply to the Pribilof Islands, declared a special reservation by section 646¹ of title 16: And provided further, That any permit or lease issued under this section shall reserve to the Secretary of the Interior the right to permit the use and occupation of parts of said leased areas for the taking, preparing, manufacturing, or storing of fish or fish products, or the utilization of the lands for purposes of trade or business, to the extent and in the manner provided by existing laws or laws which may be enacted after July 3, 1926.

Footnotes

¹ See References in Text note below.

(July 3, 1926, ch. 745, § 1, 44 Stat. 821.)

References in Text

Section 646 of title 16, referred to in text, was repealed by act Feb. 26, 1944, ch. 65, § 18, 58 Stat. 104. See sections 1161, 1162, and 1167 of Title 16, Conservation.

Codification

Section was formerly classified to section 360 of Title 48, Territories and Insular Possessions.

Admission of Alaska as State

Admission of Alaska into the Union was accomplished Jan. 3, 1959, on issuance of Proc. No. 3269, Jan. 3, 1959, 24 F.R. 81, 73 Stat. c16, as required by sections 1 and 8(c) of Pub. L. 85-508, July 7, 1958, 72 Stat. 339, set out as notes preceding section 21 of Title 48, Territories and Insular Possessions.