

Summary of an Act

World Legislative Act #3

Act for Ownership, Administration and Development of Oceans and Seabeds of Earth as Common Heritage of People of Earth

Short title:

Oceans and Seabeds

- 1.** Declares oceans and seabeds from 20 km. offshore from all countries as Common Heritage of People of Earth, and as World Territory. Declares that Earth Federation owns, administers and develops all oceans and seabeds as World Territory for maximum benefit of Humanity.
- 2.** Declares development and exploitation of ocean resources beyond 20 km. offshore to be under jurisdiction, supervision and administration of World Oceans and Seabeds Authority (WOSA), responsible to Earth Federation under *Earth Constitution*.
- 3.** Declares invalid any claims by any nation to any Exclusive Economic Zones or to any ownership of oceans or seabeds or resources thereof beyond 20 km. offshore, as contrary to Principle of Common Heritage of People of Earth. Denies recognition of claims to exclusive economic zones.
- 4.** Requires Commission for Legislative Review or World Oceans and Seabeds Commission to study Law of the Seas Convention to determine provisions in violation of principle of oceans and seabeds as common heritage of humanity, or unconstitutional provisions or provisions in violation of world legislation. Strikes legal validity of any unconstitutional provisions of [*Law of the Sea*](#), or provisions in violation of world legislation.
- 5.** Requires World Oceans and Seabeds Authority to manage, supervise, directly operate or require world licensing for development of mineral, oil, food and other resources of oceans and seabeds from 20 km. offshore, to insure that ocean and seabed development inure to primary benefit of all humanity.

6. Recognizes that in some provisions, Law of the Sea convention violates principle of oceans and seabeds as common heritage of humanity; specifically prohibits Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMDs), from transit on or within oceans (class 1 felony).

7. Requires World Oceans and Seabeds Authority (WOSA) to develop licensing requirements and require world licenses of any shipping company, oil tanker company, fishing company and other companies before using oceans from 20 km. offshore, including both private and nationally owned companies. Permits WOSA to adopt regulations of International Seabed Authority and *Law of the Sea* not inconsistent with *Earth Constitution* and world legislation.

8. Creates World Oceans and Seabeds Commission (WOSC) to prepare details for World Oceans and Seabeds Authority. Requires WOSC to report back to subsequent sessions of Provisional World Parliament recommendations regarding conditional adoption of *Law of the Sea* as world legislation, with repeal of unconstitutional provisions or provisions that violate World Law. Requires WOSC to make recommendations consistent with *Earth Constitution*. Requires recommendations to include listing of recommended repeal of original provisions in *Law of the Sea* that are inconsistent with *Earth Constitution* or in violation of world legislation. Requires Steering Committee of Provisional World Parliament to appoint five members to compose WOSC. Assigns authority to WOSC to co-opt additional members and consultants.

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