

county of King, State of Washington, and referred to as the Skinner and Eddy Site Numbered 2; and

Whereas at the time the deed to said property was delivered to the Port of Seattle the purchase price therefor had not been paid; and

Whereas an agreement was entered into contemporaneously with the transfer of said deed, which said agreement granted to the United States of America certain privileges; and

Whereas said agreement provides that all vessels then or thereafter belonging to the United States of America or any agency or agencies of the United States of America may be moored alongside the premises conveyed pursuant to said deed free of charge; and

Whereas said agreement also provides that the Port of Seattle agrees to give free dockage to all Government-owned vessels at any of the terminals belonging to or controlled by said port; and

Whereas said port is desirous of being released from the provisions of the agreement dated December 31, 1923; and

Whereas the United States of America has used a portion of the premises herein referred to for the mooring of vessels and has in addition thereto constructed pier 39 thereon and has excluded the port from any and all uses of the pier property and abutting facilities; and

Whereas the United States Government is still desirous of continuing the present use of that portion of the property upon which pier 39 is located together with certain other properties and facilities; and

Whereas the Port of Seattle is willing and agrees to enter into an agreement with the United States Government with respect to the continued use of this property: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of the Army, acting on behalf of the United States, is hereby authorized to negotiate for and enter into an agreement for such period and on such terms and conditions as he deems advisable for the continuing use by the United States of the property on which pier 39 and its appurtenant facilities are located and that the Attorney General, or his duly authorized representative, acting on behalf of the United States, upon notification that such an agreement has been entered into, is hereby authorized and directed to execute the necessary document or documents to release and cancel that certain agreement entered into on the 31st day of December 1923, by and between the Port of Seattle, a municipal corporation, and the United States of America, represented by the United States Shipping Board, acting by and through the United States Shipping Board Emergency Fleet Corporation, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the United States for the District of Columbia, which said agreement was recorded on the 17th day of March 1924, in the office of the King County auditor in the State of Washington under volume 54 of chattel mortgages, page 614, and volume 887 of real property mortgages, page 448, bearing file number 1844599.

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Port of Seattle.  
Cancellation of  
agreement.

Continuation of use  
of pier 39.

[CHAPTER 127]

AN ACT

To authorize the Public Housing Commissioner to sell the suburban resettlement projects known as Greenbelt, Maryland; Greendale, Wisconsin; and Greenhills, Ohio, without regard to provisions of law requiring competitive bidding or public advertising.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That, notwithstanding the provisions of section 3709, as amended, of the Revised Statutes

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[Public Law 65]

Sale of Greenbelt,  
Md., Greendale, Wis.,  
and Greenhills, Ohio.  
41 U. S. C. § 5.  
Post, p. 403.

of the United States, or any other provision of law, the Public Housing Commissioner is hereby authorized, by means of negotiated sale or sales and without competitive bidding or public advertising, to sell and convey, at fair market value as determined by him on the basis of an appraisal made by an independent real-estate expert selected by the Commissioner and subject to such terms and conditions as he may determine to be in the best public interest, to such purchaser or purchasers as he deems to be responsible, all right, title, and interest of the United States in or to all or any part of the suburban resettlement projects known as Greenbelt, Maryland; Greendale, Wisconsin; and Greenhills, Ohio (including improved and unimproved lands, war housing constructed on lands of or adjacent to said suburban resettlement projects, and personal property used in connection with said projects or housing): *Provided, however,* That the Public Housing Commissioner shall, during such period as he deems to be reasonable, give a first preference in such negotiated sale or sales to veteran groups organized on a nonprofit basis (provided that any such group shall accept as a member of its organization, on the same terms, subject to the same conditions, and with the same privileges and responsibilities, required of, and extended to other members of the group, any tenant occupying a dwelling unit in such project at any time during such period as the Commissioner shall deem appropriate, starting on the effective date of this Act, and who shall be a tenant therein at the time of making application for such membership), and may sell to such groups at fair market value (as determined by him on the basis stated above) or at cost (as determined by him, including the apportioned cost of structures, lands, appurtenances, and personal property transferred, together with the apportioned share of the cost of all utilities and other facilities provided for and common to the project of which any property being sold is a part), whichever is lower, except, however, that in the event two or more such groups desire to purchase any such project they shall be required to submit sealed bids therefor and the award shall be made on the basis of the highest acceptable monetary return to the Government: *And provided further,* That evidence is furnished to the Commissioner, satisfactory to him, that the compensation paid or to be paid for organizing such groups, for negotiating the purchase of such property, and for financing such purchase is fair in relation to the purchase price and reasonable on the basis of time effectively devoted to such services on a professional or similar basis: *And provided further,* That in the event of a sale other than for cash, the Commissioner shall require a down payment of at least 10 per centum of the total purchase price, the balance to be amortized over a period of not more than twenty-five years, the unpaid balance to bear interest at the rate of 4 per centum per annum and the payment of any unpaid balance to be secured by a first mortgage or deed of trust against the properties sold. The Commissioner is authorized, as a condition of any sale hereunder, to transfer, or to require the transfer or an agreement for the transfer of, streets, roads, public buildings, federally owned utilities, playgrounds, swimming pools, and parks, including adequate open land surrounding or adjacent to each project, to the appropriate non-Federal governmental agency, at such times, to such an extent, and upon such terms and conditions as he shall determine to be in the public interest.

Veteran preference.

Down payment.

Transfer of buildings, etc.

SEC. 2. As used in this Act, (1) the term "veteran" means any person who shall have served in the active military or naval service of the United States at any time on or after September 16, 1940, and prior to July 26, 1947, and who shall have been discharged or released from active service under conditions other than dishonorable, and

"Veteran."

"Groups organized on a nonprofit basis."

(2) the term "groups organized on a nonprofit basis" shall include but not be limited to, mutual ownership or cooperative housing associations or limited dividend corporations which by the terms of their charters and bylaws have limited their rate of return to a rate no higher than the Public Housing Commissioner deems reasonable and necessary.

Approved May 19, 1949.

[CHAPTER 128]

JOINT RESOLUTION

May 19, 1949  
[S. J. Res. 42]  
[Public Law 66]

Granting the consent and approval of Congress to an interstate compact relating to the better utilization of the fisheries (marine, shell, and anadromous) of the Gulf Coast and creating the Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission.

Gulf States Marine  
Fisheries Compact.  
Consent of Congress.

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the consent of Congress is hereby given to any two or more of the States of Alabama, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Texas to enter into, the following compact and agreement relating to the better utilization of the fisheries (marine, shell, and anadromous) of the Gulf Coast and creating the Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission. The compact reads as follows:

GULF STATES MARINE FISHERIES COMPACT

The contracting states solemnly agree:

ARTICLE I

Whereas the Gulf Coast states have the proprietary interest in and jurisdiction over fisheries in the waters within their respective boundaries, it is the purpose of this compact to promote the better utilization of the fisheries, marine, shell and anadromous, of the seaboard of the Gulf of Mexico, by the development of a joint program for the promotion and protection of such fisheries and the prevention of the physical waste of the fisheries from any cause.

ARTICLE II

This compact shall become operative immediately as to those states ratifying it whenever any two or more of the states of Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana and Texas have ratified it and the Congress has given its consent subject to Article 1, Section 10, of the Constitution of the United States. Any state contiguous to any of the aforementioned states or riparian upon waters which flow into waters under the jurisdiction of any of the aforementioned states and which are frequented by anadromous fish or marine species may become a party hereto as hereinafter provided.

1 Stat. 15.

ARTICLE III

Gulf States Marine  
Fisheries Commission.

Each state joining herein shall appoint three representatives to a commission hereby constituted and designated as the Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission. One shall be the head of the administrative agency of such state charged with the conservation of the fishery resources to which this compact pertains or, if there be more than one officer or agency, the official of that state named by the governor thereof. The second shall be a member of the legislature of such state designated by such legislature or in the absence of such designation, such legislator shall be designated by the governor