

**TITLE 2: NATURAL RESOURCES**  
**DIVISION 5: ANIMALS, PLANTS AND FOOD**

**§ 5107. Fish and Game Conservation Fund.**

There is established in the Commonwealth Treasury a “Fish and Game Conservation Revolving Fund” (hereafter referred to in this chapter as the “fund”), more specifically described as sub-account numbers 6045 (Saipan), 6046 (Tinian) and 6047 (Rota), which shall be non-lapsing, separate and apart from the General Fund, and shall not be subject to a continuing resolution. All collections from the issuances of licenses and permits and from penalties or fines collected under this chapter shall be deposited into the fund. The Secretary of Finance shall administer the fund and shall expend moneys from the fund without further appropriation, pursuant to regularly established accounting and control procedures, on the order of the Secretary of the Department of Lands and Natural Resources or his or her authorized designee only for the purpose of the administration of programs under the Division of Fish and Wildlife and is hereby exempt from Title 1, Division 7, Part 1, Chapters 1 through 7 [1 CMC § 7101 et seq.].

**Source:** PL 2-51, § 8; repealed and reenacted by PL 13-8, § 2, modified; amended by PL 14-14, § 2.

**Commission Comment:** With respect to the reference to the “Director of Finance,” see Executive Order 94-3 (effective August 23, 1994), reorganizing the executive branch, changing agency names and official titles, and effecting other changes, set forth in the Commission comment to 1 CMC § 2001.

PL 13-8 took effect June 11, 2002. Contained in PL 13-8 were findings, severability, and savings clause provisions. According to PL 13-8:

Section 1. Findings and Purpose. The Legislature finds that Public Law No. 2-51 established a Fish and Wildlife Division within the Department of Lands and Natural Resources. Through Public Law 2-51, all collections of license fees issued are to be “covered into the Fish and Game Conservation Fund and is authorized to be appropriated only for the purpose of the administration of the Department.” The Legislature further finds that the protection, conservation and survival of the CNMI’s fish and wildlife will be best served if the collections from all licenses and permits issued and penalties or fines assessed are dedicated to fish and game conservation programs. Therefore, it is the intent and purpose of this legislation to re-establish the Fish and Game Conservation Fund as a revolving fund and to appropriate all moneys deposited into it for the administration of programs under the Division of Fish and Wildlife.

PL 14-14 was enacted on June 17, 2004 and contained a findings and purpose provisions. See the comment to 2 CMC § 5106 regarding PL 14-14.