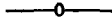


another and to take such other steps as it may deem advisable to assist in bringing the various governments in the United States into closer contact, and in developing the Council of State Governments for this purpose. The Commission is authorized to establish such delegations and committees as it deems advisable, for the purpose of conferring and formulating proposals concerning effective means to secure intergovernmental harmony and is required by the creating act to report to the Governor and to the Legislature within fifteen days after the convening of each regular session and at other times deemed appropriate (Code 1951, Art. 40, secs. 15-22).



**ATLANTIC STATES MARINE FISHERIES COMMISSION**

Commissioners from the State of Maryland: John P. Tawes, Chairman, Commission of Tidewater Fisheries; Appointed by the Commission on Interstate Cooperation: Louis L. Goldstein; Appointed by the Governor: Harold D. Kennerley, Jr., 1956.

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The Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission is an outgrowth of the "Eastern Conservation Conference" begun in 1937. A compact was drawn up and ratified by seven states, including Maryland, in 1941. This compact which was assented to by the United States Congress and signed by the President in 1942 is the legal basis of the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission which today has a membership of fifteen Atlantic Seaboard States.

Each State is represented by three Commissioners, one of whom must be the chairman or director of the fisheries management agency, one a legislator and a member of the Commission on Interstate Cooperation Committee; and the third selected by the Governor for a term of three years. The Commission acts in an advisory capacity only, aiding in the development of joint programs dealing with a single species or a body of water common to two or more states. These may result in uniform laws or varying but coordinated measures as the circumstances require. To accomplish these ends, the Commission usually meets in committees for the consideration of a particular species of fish or group of species; or in four regional groups as follows: (1) the North Atlantic States, (2) the Middle Atlantic States, (3) the Chesapeake Bay Area, and (4) the South Atlantic States. The technical advice and research facilities of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service are available to the Commission and its member states. The Commission is supported by proportional contributions from each of the participating states, related to the value of its Marine Fisheries catch as compared with the total Atlantic catch. It issues mimeographed minutes of Annual Section and Committee meetings. The Annual Meeting minutes contain valuable scientific appendices. It also issues printed Annual Reports. All are on file in the office of the Department of Tidewater Fisheries. (Code 1951, Art. 66C, secs. 252-256).

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