

Marine Fisheries catch as compared with the total Atlantic catch. The Commission issues mimeographed minutes of annual, section, and committee meetings. The annual meeting minutes contain scientific appendices. The Commission also issues printed annual reports. All are on file in the office of the Department of Natural Resources (Code Natural Resources Article secs. 4-301 through 4-305). The Commission also publishes and distributes the Marine Resources Leaflet series, including Atlantic Menhaden, Soft-Shell Clam, Southern Shrimp, American Lobster, Summer Flounder, American Shad, Striped Bass, Haddock, Atlantic Cod, Oyster, Marine Bait Worms, Spotted Seatrout, Hard Clam, and Hard Clam Supplement.

### POTOMAC RIVER FISHERIES COMMISSION

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The Potomac River Fisheries Commission operates under the Maryland-Virginia Compact of 1958, which was authorized by an Act of Congress. Maryland ratified the Compact by Chapter 269, Acts of 1959, subject to referendum held on November 8, 1960. The Commission is a semiautonomous agency, but its work and policies are closely coordinated with the Fisheries Administration of Maryland and the Virginia Marine Resources Commission. The Commission is responsible for the establishment and maintenance of a program of conservation and improvement of the seafood resources of the Potomac River and the regulation and licensing of fisheries in the Potomac River.

The Commission consists of six members, three from each state. The Governor fills any vacancies that occur. The position of chairperson of the Commission alternates annually between Maryland and Virginia.

The fisheries departments of both states supply the law enforcement for the Commission on the Potomac River (Code Natural Resources Article, sec. 4-306).

In 1964 and 1965, both the Maryland and Virginia legislatures concurred in approving legislation and giving the Commission the authority to

regulate and license the dredging of soft shell clams.

Each State annually appropriates \$50,000 to the work of the Commission. In addition, the Commission receives the proceeds from the sale of crab, oyster, fish, and clam (all commercial) licenses and twenty cents per bushel oyster inspection tax.

### INTERSTATE OIL COMPACT COMMISSION

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The Interstate Oil Compact was executed in Dallas, Texas, on February 16, 1935. Maryland ratified the Compact by Chapter 390, Acts of 1959. The Commission was created to insure cooperation between the various signatory states to conserve gas and oil, to prevent the waste of those valuable mineral resources, and to preserve to the individual states the rights of local control over these matters.

Membership on the Commission consists of the Governor of each signatory state together with an alternate representative. At the present time, thirty states have ratified the Compact. In addition, six other states are associate members (Code Natural Resources Article, secs. 6-401 through 6-404).

### INTERSTATE MINING COMMISSION

#### Maryland Representatives:

Harry Hughes, *Governor*; Dr. Kenneth N. Weaver

#### Maryland Mining Council:

*Chairperson*: Dr. Kenneth N. Weaver

Appointed members: DeCorsey E. Bolden, 1979; William B. Byrnes, 1979; S. James Campbell, 1980; Frederick P. Miller, 1980; Donald Moran, 1981; Herbert M. Sachs, 1981.

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