settle the jurisdiction and navigation of the Potomac and the lower part of the Chesapeake Bay; and,

WHEREAS, that compact did establish that the right of fishing in the river shall be common to, and equally enjoyed by, the citizens of both states, and that all laws and regulations which may be necessary for the preservation of fish shall be made with the mutual consent and approbation of both states; and,

WHEREAS, since that time the fisheries of the Potomac River and Chesapeake Bay have greatly developed, increased, and then declined with a corresponding and continuing increase in the problems having to do with the regulation, conservation, and development of the fisheries; and,

WHEREAS, it is confidently believed that a better coordination of legislation, regulations and law enforcement by the two states will result in the conservation and restoration of the fisheries to the benefit of the seafood industry of the nation as well as to the states of Virginia and Maryland; and

WHEREAS, the people and government of Maryland have always been and are now willing and anxious to cooperate with the people and government of Virginia with respect to legislation for the conservation and restoration of the fisheries and seafood industry in the Potomac River and Chesapeake Bay and the enforcement of such legislation; and,

WHEREAS, such results can best be accomplished through the cooperative efforts of the two states by or through a joint or common agency; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the Governor of Maryland be and he is hereby authorized to appoint a Commission of three citizens of this State to serve without compensation and to confer with a similar Commission of three citizens of the State of Virginia to be appointed by the Governor of Virginia for the purposes hereinafter set forth:

(1)   To restudy the compact of seventeen hundred and eighty-five and the concurrent legislation enacted thereunder with respect to the fisheries of the Potomac River and Chesapeake Bay.