

"5. That no nets extend more than one-fourth of the distance from either shore and not then if reaching into the channel.

"6. That no pound net be with less than two (2) inches stretched mesh and no pound nets at all be set in Elizabeth, York, Nansmond or James rivers. That a distance of two hundred (200) feet be left between head and hedging of nets.

"7. That penalty be imposed for concealing name or number on any licensed fishing vessel.

"8. That light, bushes and name be required on all pound heads.

"9. That all dams or other obstructions be provided with ample fish-ways approved by the United States Bureau of Fisheries.

"10. That further regulations for haul seines on spawning grounds be considered.

"11. That stringent laws be passed for the enforcement of all the foregoing."

With this work accomplished, happy speeches were made by the Virginians complimentary to Maryland, and the sentiments were warmly reciprocated by the visitors. Senator Benson moved that the meeting adjourn to meet again in Baltimore during the Star-Spangled Banner Celebration.

Second Meeting—The second meeting of the two joint commissions was held at the Hotel Rennert, Baltimore, Maryland, September 11 and 12, 1914, and after a full discussion of the matters passed upon at the first meeting, a sub-committee was appointed to draft necessary legislation and authorized to report at a subsequent meeting.

Third Meeting—The third meeting of the joint commission was held at Richmond, Virginia, January 18 and 19, pursuant to a call, dated January 13, 1915, issued by Hon. Harry R. Houston, chairman of the Virginia Commission. There were present on the part of Virginia: Senators Harding Walker, John R. Saunders, J. E. West, and Delegates J. Harry Rew, Robert O. Norris, T. A. Tett and Philip A. Murray. On account of the short notice, it was impossible for the chairman to assemble the Maryland Commission and arrive in Richmond in time for the meeting, and the chairman designated and authorized Mr. Swepson Earle, Chief Engineer of the Maryland Shell Fish Commission, to meet with the Virginians and represent Maryland at this meeting.