

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, and third selected by the Governor for a three-year term. The Commission advises only, aiding in the development of joint programs dealing with particular species of fish or bodies of water common to two or more states. These programs may result in uniform laws or varying but coordinated measures as the circumstances require. The Commission meets annually and 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. In place of special committees which in the past dealt with particular species, the 15th Annual Meeting created an overall scientific committee to digest scientific material and present condensed reports to the Commission. A similar committee was established to report on legal matters. The technical advice and research facilities of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service are available to the Commission and its member states. Each participating state contributes to the support of the Commission in proportion to the value of its 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 valuable scientific appendices. The Commission also issues printed Annual Reports. All are on file in the office of the Department of Tidewater Fisheries (Code 1951, Art. 66C, secs. 252-56).

Appropriations	1957	1958
General Fund	\$1,500	\$2,000
Staff: 3		

INTERSTATE COMMISSION ON THE POTOMAC RIVER BASIN

Representatives from the State of Maryland:

Theodore R. McKeldin, Governor; George F. Hazelwood, 1959; Harry O. Levin, Alternate to the Governor, 1959; L. Eugene Cronin, Alternate, 1959; James C. Warden, Alternate, 1959.

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The Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin was established by an Act of Congress in 1940, and the compact was ratified by the participating states shortly thereafter. The Commission is composed of representatives from the United States Government, the states of Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia, and the District of Columbia. The representatives from Maryland include the Governor and two members, residents of the Potomac River Conservancy District, who are appointed by the Governor for two-year terms (Code 1951, Art. 43, secs. 385, 386). The Commission has jurisdiction over the Potomac River Conservancy District, which was created by the enabling Act. The District embraces an area of approximately 14,500 square miles with an estimated population of 2,500,000. The Commission (1) coordinates, tabulates, and summarizes existing data on the character, pollution, and condition of streams in the Conservancy District; (2) supplements existing data, when necessary, by conducting investigations; (3) promotes