

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 scientific appendices. The Commission also issues printed Annual Reports. All are on file in the office of the Department of Chesapeake Bay Affairs (Code 1957, Art. 66C, secs. 256-61).

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| Appropriations | 1965 | 1966 |
| General Funds | \$2,000 | \$2,000 |
| Staff: 2. | | |

POTOMAC RIVER FISHERIES COMMISSION

Commissioners from the State of Maryland:

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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 semi-autonomous agency, but its work and policies are tied in very closely with the Department of Chesapeake Bay Affairs of Maryland and the Commission of Fisheries of Virginia. The purpose of the Commission is the establishment and maintenance of a program of conservation and improvement of the seafood resources of the Potomac River.

The Commission consists of six members, three from each state. The members from Maryland are all members of the Department of Chesapeake Bay Affairs, whose terms of office on the Commission corresponds with their terms of office on the Department of Chesapeake Bay Affairs. The Governor fills any vacancies which may occur. The Chairmanship of the Commissions alternates annually between Maryland and Virginia.

The Commission is financed by appropriations from each state, together with income and license sales available. The fisheries departments of both states supply the law enforcement for the Commission on the Potomac River (Code 1957, 1965 Supp., Art. 66C, sec. 261A).

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.

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| Appropriations | 1965 | 1966 |
| Maryland General Funds | \$50,000 | \$50,000 |
| Virginia General Funds..... | 50,000 | 50,000 |