

leaders of Maryland, Pennsylvania, and New York to participate actively in studies and formulation of sound development programs for the Susquehanna River Basin. Each State is represented on the Committee by two appointees of the Governor and two of the Legislative branch, plus alternates for each.

The group coordinates with an overall study program conducted by the Army Corps of Engineers and presents the point of view of the States, as well as the expert knowledge of State officials and technical personnel in various aspects of the study considerations. The Committee maintains an office in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, with a small staff which services and coordinates the activities of the Committee and develops from time to time specific background material on pertinent areas of concern. The Committee rotates its meetings throughout the Susquehanna Basin at regular intervals, often timing them to coincide with Corps of Engineers' meetings.

The Committee has completed a draft of an intergovernmental compact for the creation of a basin agency which has been approved by the legislatures of Maryland (Chapter 391, Acts of 1967) and New York and is being considered by the Pennsylvania legislature. The Interstate Advisory Committee on the Susquehanna River Basin operates on an interim basis until the signatories to the Compact have completed adoptive action and the Susquehanna River Basin Commission formed by the Compact becomes operative. The Committee operates with a staff of four persons with an annual budget of \$60,000, of which Maryland's share is \$12,000 (Code 1957, 1964 Repl. Vol., 1967 Supp., Art. 96A, secs. 59-74).

## ATLANTIC STATES MARINE FISHERIES COMMISSION

### Commissioners from the State of Maryland:

Director, Department of Chesapeake Bay Affairs: Joseph H. Manning  
 Appointed by the Intergovernmental Cooperation Commission:  
 Martin A. Kircher.  
 Appointed by the Governor: George T. Harrison, 1968.

### Officers of the Commission

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The Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission is an outgrowth of the "Eastern Conservation Conference" begun in 1937. Seven states, including Maryland, drew up and ratified a compact in 1941. Maryland ratified by Chapter 435, Acts of 1941. This compact, assented to by the United States Congress and signed by the President in 1942, is the legal basis of the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission, which today has a membership of fifteen Atlantic Seaboard States.

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 Intergovernmental Cooperation, and one selected by the Governor.

Maryland is represented by the Director of the Department of Chesapeake Bay Affairs and a member of the Intergovernmental Cooperation Commission, both of whom serve ex officio, and a resident of Maryland with knowledge and interest in marine fisheries problems appointed by the Governor for a three-year term. The Commission advises only, aiding in the development of joint programs dealing