

member from each participating state, who may be the Governor or his designee. A State Co-Chairman is elected semi-annually by the Governors.

Programs for Appalachian development authorized by the Act include the construction of a developmental highway system, access roads, health centers, vocational educational schools and sewage treatment works; the development of land, timber and water resources, the rehabilitation of areas damaged by strip and surface mining; and the establishment of local development districts to support economic development efforts at the local level. The Act authorizes the appropriations of \$1,092,400,000 to cover the Federal share of the cost of these programs, of which \$840,000,000 is earmarked for the construction of 2,350 miles of development highways and 1,000 miles of access roads over a 5-year period. The Commission has approved the construction of a total of 78.1 miles of development highways in Maryland.

The Commission is not an operating agency. Its major function is the planning and coordination of programs and projects to be carried out under the Act by the appropriate Federal and State departments and agencies. The Commission can act only on those programs and projects which are submitted to it by State members. Its decisions require the affirmative vote of the Federal Co-Chairman and of a majority of State members.

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: Gilbert W. Keech, 1971.

Officers of the Commission:

Chairman: David H. G. Gould, Georgia

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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 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