

of Commissioners of the District of Columbia in Washington, D. C., on April 19, 1965, to coordinate and represent the genuine interests of the states in Potomac Basin planning activity but, most importantly, to advise the heads of government on the best possible permanent interstate organization to plan, develop and manage the water and related resources of the Potomac River Basin.

The Advisory Committee, made up of three representatives from each of the five jurisdictions, has pursued its assignments, and has completed and presented to the governors a proposal for an interstate-federal water resources Compact. After enactment by both houses of each state legislature and the U. S. Congress, the new Compact will become effective and the Potomac River Basin Commission will come into being to exercise the powers granted by the Compact.

The Advisory Committee maintains an office in Washington, D. C., with a small administrative staff. The Committee and its staff operate with an annual budget of \$60,000, of which Maryland's share is \$15,000.

POTOMAC RIVER FISHERIES COMMISSION

Commissioners from the State of Maryland:

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Chairman: Richard E. Lankford, 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 Commission is responsible for the establishment and maintenance of a program of conservation and improvement of the seafood resources of the Potomac River and the regulation and licensing of fisheries in 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 fisheries departments of both states supply the law enforcement for the Commission on the Potomac River (Code 1957, 1965 Repl. Vol., 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.

Each State annually appropriates \$50,000 to the work of the Commission. In addition, the Commission receives the proceeds from the sale of crab, oyster, fish and clam (all commercial) licenses and twenty cents per bushel oyster inspection tax.