

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 Fisheries Administration of Maryland and the Virginia Marine Resources Commission. 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 Governor fills any vacancies which may occur. The Chairmanship of the Commission alternates annually between Maryland and Virginia.

The fisheries departments of both states supply the law enforcement for the Commission on the Potomac River (Natural Resources Article, sec. 4-306).

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.

## **INTERSTATE OIL COMPACT COMMISSION**

### **REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE STATE OF MARYLAND:**

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The Interstate Oil Compact was executed in Dallas, Texas, on February 16, 1935. Maryland ratified the Compact by Chapter

390, Acts of 1959. The Commission was created to insure the cooperation between the various signatory states to conserve gas and oil, to prevent the waste of those valuable mineral resources, and to preserve to the individual states the rights of local control over these matters.

Membership on the Commission consists of the Governor of each signatory state together with an alternate representative. At the present time, twenty-nine states have ratified the Compact. In addition, four other states are associate members (Natural Resources Article, secs. 6-401 to 6-404).

## **INTERSTATE MINING COMMISSION**

### **Maryland Representatives:**

Marvin Mandel, Kenneth N. Weaver.

### **Maryland Mining Council:**

Ex officio member: Kenneth N. Weaver.

Appointed members: Herbert M. Sachs, 1977; Donald Moran, 1977; Decorsey Bolden, 1979; William B. Byrnes, 1979; Frederick P. Miller, 1980; S. James Campbell, 1980.

### **Interstate Mining Commission**

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The Interstate Mining Commission was created as the result of a Compact initiated by the Council of State Governments. To date, six states have ratified the instrument. Maryland ratified the Compact by Chapter 297, Acts of 1973. The Compact establishes a Commission with one representative and one alternate from each state. Its function is to study mining operations and their effect upon the land, water, air and recreation patterns of community or regional development. All of the Commission's powers are of a study, recommendatory or consultative nature. The Commission is financed by State appropriations based upon a formula allocation utilizing the value of minerals and ores in the party states.

The same Act also created the Maryland Mining Council, which is composed of the