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The Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin is an agency of those states encompassing portions of the Potomac River drainage basin. Established by an Act of Congress in 1940, amended by P.L. 91-407 in 1970, the Commission operates under the Potomac River Sanitation Compact, which Maryland ratified by Chapter 320, Acts of 1939, as amended by Chapter 29, Acts of 1960.

The Commission has jurisdiction over the Potomac Valley Conservancy District, which was created by the enabling Act. The Commission analyzes and interprets data, conducts studies, coordinates planning and programs, disseminates informational and educational material to the public, promotes uniform laws and regulations, and recommends solutions to problems relating to stream pollution and the use and conservation of water and associated land resources in the District. The Commission's Cooperative Water Supply Operations Section (CO-OP) provides technical and managerial services for coordinated drought-related operations of the major Maryland, Virginia, and District of Columbia public water supply utilities in the Washington Metropolitan Area under the Water Supply Coordination Agreement of July 22, 1982.

The Commission is composed of representatives of the five signatory members: Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia, and the District of Columbia. While the United States government is a member of the Commission, it is not a signatory member. The representatives from Maryland include the Governor and two residents of the Potomac Valley Conservancy District, who are appointed by the Governor for two-year terms (Code 1957, Art. 43, secs. 407, 408).

The Commission is financed by appropriations from each of the participating bodies (Code Natural Resources Article, sec. 8-301).

Monthly, the Commission issues a newsletter, *The Potomac Basin Reporter*. Other technical and general information reports are also available to the public.

## POTOMAC RIVER FISHERIES COMMISSION

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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. The Commission is a semiautonomous agency, but its work and policies are closely coordinated with the Tidewater Administration of Maryland and the Marine Resources Commission of Virginia. The interstate 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, appointed by the respective governors. The position of chairperson of the Commission alternates annually between Maryland and Virginia.

The fisheries departments of both states provide law enforcement on the Potomac River for the Commission (Code 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 \$150,000 to the work of the Commission. In addition, the Commission receives proceeds from the sale of commercial crab, oyster, fish, and clam licenses and twenty-five cents per bushel oyster inspection tax (Code Natural Resources Article, sec. 4-306).

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