

The Commission consists of twenty-one members, seven from each of the signatory states. Five members from each state are members of the state legislature. Of the five Maryland legislative members, two are senators designated by the President of the Senate and three are delegates designated by the Speaker of the House of Delegates. The Governor or his designee serves as a member. Another member, who is neither a legislator nor a member of the Executive branch, is jointly selected by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House. Legislative members serve terms coterminous with their current terms of office. Non-legislative members serve at the pleasure of their respective appointing authorities, but such terms cannot exceed four years unless they are reappointed. The chairperson and vice-chairperson are selected by the members, with each position alternating annually among the delegations from the three states (Code Natural Resources Article, secs. 8-302 through 8-304).

The Commission publishes an annual report, occasional issue papers, and an annual legislative progress report that summarizes Bay-related legislative concerns of the member states. These publications are available upon request.

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The Coastal States Organization was formed in 1970 with twenty-two member states, including Maryland. Presently the Organization consists of delegates appointed by the governors of thirty coastal states and five territories.

The Coastal States Organization was established to serve as the governors' official representative in U.S. ocean and coastal affairs and is the states' leading advocate for sound marine practice and policy nationwide. The Organization represents the states' shared interests and concerns in interstate and federal marine resource programs and policies. It helps coastal states maintain an effective leadership role in the development and implementation of national coastal policy and works to advance multi-state participation in resolution of

national coastal issues without interfering in the states' own, and sometimes differing, objectives. The Organization provides coastal states with a nonpartisan forum for debate, discussion, and resolution of nationally significant coastal issues and problems, and serves as an information clearinghouse. It also provides coastal research and data analysis to Congress, its member states, the media, and the general public.

DELMARVA ADVISORY COUNCIL

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The Delmarva Advisory Council originally was formed in 1964 as a voluntary association by the governors of the states of Delaware, Maryland, and Virginia within the region known as the Delmarva Peninsula. In 1984, Maryland joined her neighbor states in establishing the Council by statute (Chapter 671, Acts of 1984). The Council is composed of five gubernatorial appointees from each state, as well as county officials, designated municipal officials, and citizens.

The Council advances the economic and cultural welfare of the people of the Delmarva Peninsula through advice, counsel, and assistance to governmental agencies and private organizations concerned with programs and activities to develop the resources and economic opportunities of the region. The Council fosters intergovernmental cooperation and the resolution of conflict by providing a public forum to coordinate planning and decision-making for issues that cross jurisdictional boundaries.

The Council assesses recommendations of committees and Council members of each state and takes appropriate action through advice and assistance to governmental representatives at the local, county, state, and federal levels, as well as to the private sector.