

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.

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.

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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 in 1959 (Chapter 269, Acts of 1959). The Commission is a semiautonomous agency, but its work and policies are closely coordinated with the Tidewater Administration of the Maryland Department of Natural Resources 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 fisheries departments of both states provide law enforcement on the Potomac River for the Commission.

Since 1965, the Commission has regulated and licensed 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 fifty cents per bushel oyster inspection tax.

The Commission consists of six members, three from each state. The Maryland membership includes the Secretary of Natural Resources (or designee), and two persons appointed to four-year terms by the Governor. The position of chairperson of the Commission alternates annually between Maryland and Virginia (Code Natural Resources Article, sec. 4-306).

## SOUTHERN REGIONAL EDUCATION BOARD

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