
POTOMAC RIVER FISHERIES COMMISSION

Maryland members appointed by Governor: John T. Parran, 1989; Francis J. Russell, 1989.

Ex officio: James W. Peck, 1992, *designee of Secretary of Natural Resources*

Kirby A. Carpenter, *Executive Secretary*

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The Potomac River Fisheries Commission operates under the Maryland-Virginia Compact of 1958, authorized by act of Congress. Maryland ratified the Compact in 1959 (Chapter 269, Acts of 1959). The Commission is a semi-autonomous 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. Fishery agencies of both states provide law enforcement on the Potomac River for the Commission.

The Potomac River Fisheries Commission administers a program to conserve and improve seafood resources of the Potomac River. The Commission regulates and licenses fisheries and the dredging of soft-shell clams in the Potomac River. The Commission receives proceeds from the sale of commercial crab, oyster, fish and clam licenses, and an oyster inspection tax. Annually, each state appropriates \$150,000 to Commission work.

The Commission's six members include three from each state. Maryland members are the Secretary of Natural Resources or designee and two persons appointed to four-year terms by the Governor. For chairperson, the Commission elects a Maryland representative in odd-numbered years and a Virginia representative in even-numbered years (Code Natural Resources Article, sec. 4-306).

SOUTHERN REGIONAL EDUCATION BOARD

Ex officio: William Donald Schaefer, *Governor*

Maryland members appointed by Governor: Sheldon H. Knorr, 1989; Arthur Dorman, 1990; Nancy K. Kopp, 1991; John S. Toll, 1992; *one vacancy*.

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The Southern Regional Education Board is the nation's oldest interstate compact for higher education. It is a pioneer in regional planning action for the effective multi-state use of educational programs and facilities. The Board operates under the Southern Regional Education Compact of 1949, which Maryland ratified in 1949 (Chapter 282, Acts of 1949). Fourteen other states have ratified the Compact: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, and West Virginia.

Created at the request of southern governors, the Board brings together educators, government officials, and other regional leaders to advance education and thereby improve the social and economic life of the South. Working directly with state governments, academic institutions, and other agencies, the Board conducts research and reports on needs, problems, and developments in education; coordinates cooperative programs to upgrade training in undergraduate, graduate, professional, and technical education; and serves as fiscal agent and administrator in interstate arrangements for regional educational services and institutions. These reciprocal agreements provide quality educational opportunities while lessening the need to develop expensive specialized programs in each state.

Board publications, including a wide variety of research reports, are available to the public.

The Board's governing body consists of the governor of each member state and four other individuals from the state, one of whom must be a state legislator and one an educator. All are appointed by the governor for four-year terms (Code Education Article, secs. 25-201 through 25-205).

SOUTHERN STATES ENERGY BOARD

Chairperson:

Henry Bellmon, *Governor of Oklahoma*

Maryland members: William Donald Schaefer, *Governor* (Dr. Paul O. Massicot, *alternate*); Catherine I. Riley, *State Senate*; Dennis C. Donaldson, *House of Delegates*.

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