

procedures, by-laws, rules, and regulations (Code Environment Article, secs. 7-301 through 7-306).

ATLANTIC STATES MARINE FISHERIES COMMISSION

Chairperson: William Hogarth, North Carolina

Maryland representatives: W. Peter Jensen, Director, Tidal Fisheries Division, Department of Natural Resources; James E. McClellan, House of Delegates; Frederick W. Meers, Governor's appointee, 1995.

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The Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission is an outgrowth of the Eastern Conservation Conference begun in 1937. Seven states, including Maryland, ratified a compact in 1941 (Chapter 435, Acts of 1941). This compact, approved by the U.S. Congress and signed by the President in 1942, is the legal basis of the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission.

The Commission develops joint fishery management programs which may lead to uniform laws or varying but coordinated measures. It also adopts cooperative interstate management plans for particular species of fish or bodies of water common to two or more states. Each state must implement the management plan or the Commission may recommend to the Secretary of Commerce that a federal moratorium on fishing be imposed on the noncomplying state. Each participating state pays dues for the support of the Commission in proportion to the value of its marine fisheries catch.

The Commission issues annual reports and minutes of meetings which are on file with the Department of Natural Resources. The Commission also publishes and distributes several other fisheries-related reports, as well as fishery management plans for Atlantic coast species, which are available from the Commission.

The Commission has a membership of fifteen Atlantic seaboard states. Each state is represented by three commissioners. One commissioner represents the state agency charged with conservation of fisheries resources, one is a legislator, and one is selected by the governor for a three-year term (Code Natural Resources Article, secs. 4-301 through 4-305).

CHESAPEAKE BAY COMMISSION

Chairperson: Jeffrey W. Coy, Pennsylvania

Vice-Chairperson: C. Bernard Fowler, Maryland

Vice-Chairperson: S. Wallace Stieffen, Virginia

Maryland members: Torrey C. Brown, M.D., Secretary of Natural Resources; Jack F. Witten, citizen member; Gerald W. Winegrad, State Senate; James E. McClellan, Michael H. Weir, John F. Wood, Jr., House of Delegates.

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Originally founded on a bi-state agreement between Maryland and Virginia, the Chesapeake Bay Commission was created in 1980 (Chapter 674, Acts of 1980). Its formation stemmed from recommendations of the Chesapeake Bay Legislative Advisory Commission on the need for improved interstate coordination of Bay-wide management. In 1985, Pennsylvania became a member of the Commission.

The Commission helps the legislatures of Maryland, Virginia, and Pennsylvania evaluate and respond to problems relating to Chesapeake Bay. The Commission also encourages coordinated resource planning and action among the executive agencies of the three member states.

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.

The Commission consists of twenty-one members, seven from each signatory state. Five members from each state are state legislators. Of the five Maryland legislative members, two are senators designated by the Senate President and three are delegates designated by the Speaker of the House of Delegates. The Governor or designee serves as a member. Another member, who is neither a legislator nor a member of the Executive branch, is selected jointly by the Senate President and the House Speaker. Legislative members serve terms coterminous with their current terms of office. Nonlegislative members serve at the pleasure of their respective appointing authorities, but no longer than four years unless reappointed. The chairperson and vice-chairperson are selected by the members, with each position alternating annually among the delegations from the three states. Each state contributes equally to the annual budget which is \$330,000 for Fiscal Year 1994 (Code Natural Resources Article, secs. 8-302 through 8-304).