

Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission. One shall be the executive officer of the administrative agency of such State charged with the conservation of the fisheries resources to which this compact pertains or, if there be more than one officer or agency, the official of that State named by the Governor thereof. The second shall be a member of the Legislature of such State designated by the Commission or Committee on Interstate Cooperation of such State, or if there be none, by the Governor thereof. The third shall be a citizen who shall have a knowledge of and interest in the marine fisheries problem to be appointed by the Governor. This Commission shall be a body corporate with the powers and duties set forth herein.

ARTICLE IV

The duty of the said Commission shall be to make inquiry and ascertain from time to time such methods, practices, circumstances and conditions as may be disclosed for bringing about the conservation and the prevention of the depletion and physical waste of the fisheries, marine, shell and anadromous, of the Atlantic seaboard. The Commission shall have power to recommend the coordination of the exercise of the police powers of the several States within their respective jurisdictions to promote the preservation of those fisheries and their protection against overfishing, waste, depletion or any abuse whatsoever and to assure a continuing yield from the fisheries resources of the aforementioned States.

To that end the Commission shall draft and, after consultation with the Advisory Committee, recommend to the Governors and legislatures of the various signatory States legislation dealing with the conservation of the marine and anadromous fisheries of the Atlantic seaboard. The Commission shall, more than one month prior to any regular meeting of the legislature in any signatory State, present to the Governor of the State its recommendations relating to enactments to be made by the legislature of that State in furthering the intents and purposes of this compact.

The Commission shall consult with and advise the pertinent administrative agencies in the States parties hereto with regard to problems connected with the fisheries and recommend the adoption of such regulations as it deems advisable.

The Commission shall have power to recommend to the States party hereto the stocking of the waters of such States with fish and fish eggs or joint stocking by some or all of the States party hereto and when two or more of the States shall jointly stock waters the Commission shall act as the coordinating agency for such stocking.