

submit to the Governor on or before January 2, 1951 the results of the aforesaid preliminary survey of the boundaries between the State of Maryland and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and between the State of Maryland and the State of Delaware.

Approved March 28, 1950.

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No. 5

(Senate Joint Resolution 12)

Resolution requesting the Commission of Fisheries of Virginia and the Commission of Tidewater Fisheries of Maryland to make further study for the development of a joint program for the administration of seafood resources in the Potomac River and the Chesapeake Bay Area.

WHEREAS, within recent years there have been a number of attempts to improve the administration of the fish laws in the Chesapeake Bay area and oyster laws in the Potomac River area, this problem being particularly difficult because it involves the rights and vested interests of citizens in both Maryland and Virginia; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly of Maryland at its session in 1949 proposed the creation of the "Maryland-Virginia Chesapeake Bay Authority"; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly of Virginia did not attempt the counter legislation necessary to put this proposal in effect but has made further proposals for legislation concerning the Potomac River area; and

WHEREAS, the Maryland Commission of Tidewater Fisheries cannot agree to the Virginia proposals since they suggest the relinquishment of some of Maryland's sovereign rights without a reciprocal release on the part of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, since each State has made proposals which have not been adopted by the other, there may be danger of the entire project for the improved administration of the laws in the Potomac River and Chesapeake Bay areas falling by the wayside; and

WHEREAS, there appear to be possible realms of agreement between the portions of the two States which should be considered and explored; and