

WHEREAS, it is confidently believed that a better co-ordination of legislation, regulations and law enforcement by the two states will result in the conservation and restoration of the fisheries to the benefit of the seafood industry of the nation as well as to the states of Maryland and Virginia; and

WHEREAS, such results can best be accomplished through the cooperative efforts of the two states by or through a joint or common agency; now therefore

*Be it resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the Governor of Maryland be and he is hereby authorized and directed to appoint a Commission of three citizens of this State to serve without compensation and to confer with a similar Commission of three citizens of the Commonwealth of Virginia to be appointed by the Governor of Virginia for the purposes hereinafter set forth:

(1) To restudy the compact of 1785 and the concurrent legislation enacted thereunder with respect to the fisheries of the Potomac river and Chesapeake Bay;

(2) To consult and advise with the pertinent State, interstate and Federal agencies and citizens concerned therewith;

(3) To determine whether improvements in the administration and enforcement of existing laws are needed, or whether the concurrent laws of the two states need to be amended, or whether the best interests of the fisheries and of the people of the two states will be served by granting additional powers to existing State or interstate agencies, or whether a new joint commission, or interstate authority should be created by compact or reciprocal legislation between the two states and empowered to study, determine policy and make and enforce regulations applicable to the fisheries of the tidewaters of the Potomac River and of the tidewaters of the Chesapeake Bay, within the jurisdiction of the two states;

(4) To bring the problems and responsibilities facing the two states to the attention of the public through the press, radio, schools, civic organizations, and any other means of disseminating information; and

*Be it further resolved,* That such Commission shall elect from its members a Chairman and a Vice-Chairman and shall present to the Governors of the two states from time to time requests for such clerical and other assistance as