

(3) 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 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) 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

WHEREAS, as a result of these identical resolutions, the Governors of each State, respectively, did appoint three citizens from each State to comprise such Commission; and

WHEREAS, public hearings were conducted by the Commission in Virginia and in Maryland, to determine the views of local watermen; and

WHEREAS, said Commission held eight meetings, some of which were in Maryland, some of which were in Virginia, and

WHEREAS, the Commission has sought and obtained the views of the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission, biologists of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service and other authorities and reviewed numerous printed documents and reports on the Chesapeake Bay and the Potomac River; and

WHEREAS, the Commission found that fishing and oystering will be improved greatly if its recommendations are adopted by the General Assemblies of the two States to the betterment of the people of the two States, by reason of the preservation and increase in the supply and production of fin fish and crabs in the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries in Virginia and Maryland including the Potomac River, and oysters in the Potomac River; and

WHEREAS, the legislative intent of the following Sections to be added to the Compact of 1785 between the Common-