

20. (Effect and Method of Promulgation of such Regulations.) The regulations authorized in Articles 17 and 18 above shall bear a substantial relation to the conservation, maintenance and stimulation of the supply of fir fish and crabs in the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries in both States and in the Potomac River, and of oysters in the Potomac River. The opinion of the Commission as to the desirability and necessity of the imposition, repeal, modification or change, from time to time, of such rules and regulations and the purpose to be achieved by their imposition, repeal, modification or change, as the case may be, shall be final and conclusive, unless the action of the Commission is arbitrary, wilful or capricious and without any substantial evidence whatever to sustain it.

No rule or regulation shall be imposed, repealed, modified or changed without publication adequate to inform interested persons in both States of the action proposed to be taken, and the giving of notice of public hearings to be held in each State at which all those interested or affected shall have reasonable opportunity to be heard. The Legislatures of the two States shall have authority to enact statutes, from time to time, governing the method, manner and circumstances of such publication and hearings consistent with the provisions and purposes of this Compact.

When duly imposed, repealed, modified or changed, as herein provided, the rules and regulations of the Commission shall have the force and effect of law, and neither the Legislature of the Commonwealth of Virginia nor the Legislature of the State of Maryland acting alone shall have power to vary, supersede or repeal said rules and regulations.

21. (Repeal of Inconsistent Laws.) All public general laws, public local laws and ordinances of the State of Maryland and the Commonwealth of Virginia, or their respective political subdivisions, inconsistent with any rule or regulation of the Commission duly promulgated hereunder are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency, such repeal to be effective upon the effective date of the said rule or regulation with which such law is inconsistent.

22. (Penalties.) The penalty for violation of any valid rule or regulation promulgated hereunder shall be such fine or imprisonment, or both, as the court or magistrate having jurisdiction may prescribe, not in excess of a fine of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) or imprisonment for one (1) year, or both, and in addition, in the discretion