

administer water resources related public recreational projects and facilities and may contribute to the costs of construction, operation, maintenance and administration thereof undertaken by others than the Commission. The Commission may, by lease or any other form of contract or agreement, undertake to operate, maintain or administer any water resources related public recreational project or facility and with respect thereto may exercise any power, not inconsistent with such lease, contract or agreement, which it might exercise with respect to any project or facility owned by it. In the operation, maintenance and administration of any water resources related public recreational project or facility, whether or not owned by it, the Commission may act through public or private lessees or concessionaires.

8.04. Uniformity of Fishing and Boating Laws on Certain Waters.—Whenever two or more signatory states have a common boundary in or contiguous to any body of water or portion thereof within the basin, unless prohibited by the law of such signatory state, the Commission, board, or other agency from each such signatory state, having jurisdiction over the regulation of fishing, or boating, or health and safety aspects of recreational activities, in or upon such waters, may agree upon, and by rules or regulations provide for, uniform enforcement relating to the aforesaid activities with respect to any such waters mutually designated or agreed upon. Infractions of laws, and rules and regulations on such bodies of water shall be prosecuted in the appropriate court within the territorial jurisdiction where the offense occurred. If the offense occurs on or so near the boundary between two signatory states that it cannot be readily determined in which state the offense occurred, it shall be presumed that such offense occurred within the jurisdiction of the court where the enforcement action was instituted by the enforcement officer.

8.05. Restrictions on Commission Construction and Operation.—In order to assure utilization of the functions, powers and responsibilities of existing state agencies, the Commission shall not engage in the operation of any recreational facilities, nor construct any project or facility solely for recreational purposes, unless the commissioner from the signatory state in which the project or facility is located has approved the same.

8.06. Definition.—For purposes of this article public recreational project or facility shall mean a recreational project or facility open to the general public either free or on a fee basis.

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OTHER PUBLIC VALUES

9.01. Purpose and Findings.—Comprehensive planning is essential to assure orderly development, safeguard the intrinsic natural values of the Potomac Basin and preserve the beauty and environmental amenities of the region. This need is greatest in those localities most subject to the pressures of urbanization, expanding population and industrial development. Accordingly the legislative bodies of the respective signatories declare that, in addition to water resources management, the purposes of this compact are to preserve