

15.16. *Jurisdiction of Signatories Reserved.*—(A) *Nothing in this compact shall be construed to restrict, relinquish or be in derogation of, any power or authority constitutionally possessed by any signatory within its jurisdiction, and every such power and authority shall continue to exist and be exercised except as specifically limited by this compact and except to the extent that the exercise of a power by a signatory conflicts with an exercise by the Commission of a power vested in it. Nothing contained in this compact, however, shall be construed as granting to the Commission the power to regulate the taking of fish and wildlife.*

(B) 1. **NOTHING IN THIS COMPACT SHALL BE CONSTRUED TO PREVENT ANY SIGNATORY STATE FROM HAVING AND ENFORCING ANY LAWS OR REGULATIONS PROVIDING FOR STANDARDS RELATING TO WATER RESOURCES, WATER POLLUTION, WASTE DISPOSAL, SEDIMENT CONTROL, OR OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS, WHICH ARE HIGHER THAN THOSE ADOPTED AND IN FORCE PURSUANT TO THE COMPACT.**

2. **THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 5.06 OF THE COMPACT RELATING TO CIVIL LIABILITY FOR POLLUTION DAMAGE AND PROVIDING REMEDIES THEREFOR ARE IN ADDITION TO, AND NOT IN SUBSTITUTION FOR, ANY PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITY WHICH MAY BE CONTAINED IN OTHER LAWS OF A SIGNATORY STATE.**

15.17. *Complementary Legislation by Signatories.*—*Each of the signatories agrees that it will enact such additional legislation as may be required to enable its officers and governmental agencies to accomplish effectively the purposes of this compact.*

15.18. *Amendments and Supplements.*—*Amendments and supplements to this compact may be adopted by legislative action of any of the signatories concurred in by all of the others.*

15.19. *Construction.*—*The enactment of this compact by the Congress of the United States shall not be construed as indicating an intent on the part of the Congress to occupy the field in which any part of this compact operates to the exclusion of individual state laws on the same subject matter. It is the intent of the Congress and of the legislatures of the other signatories that no provision of this compact shall be construed as invalidating any provision of law of any signatory unless such provision is inconsistent with any of the purposes of this compact or of any provision thereof; and that nothing in this compact shall be construed to modify or qualify the authority of any signatory to enact or enforce legislation or regulations relating to any subject matter of this compact which are within its jurisdiction and not inconsistent with any purpose or provision of this compact.*

15.20. *Severability.*—*If any word, phrase, clause, sentence or provision of this compact or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the compact and the application of the word, phrase, clause, sentence or provision to other persons not similarly situated or to other circumstances shall not be affected thereby.*

15.21. *Effective Date; Execution.*—*This compact shall become binding and effective thirty (30) days after its enactment by the*