

THE CONTRACTING STATES SOLEMNLY AGREE:

ARTICLE I

THE PURPOSE OF THIS COMPACT IS TO PROMOTE THE BETTER UTILIZATION OF THE FISHERIES, MARINE, SHELL AND ANADROMOUS, OF THE ATLANTIC SEABOARD BY THE DEVELOPMENT OF A JOINT PROGRAM FOR THE PROMOTION AND PROTECTION OF THE FISHING INDUSTRY, AND BY THE PREVENTION OF THE PHYSICAL WASTE OF THE FISHERIES FROM ANY CAUSE.

ARTICLE II

THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE AS TO THOSE STATES RATIFYING IT WHENEVER ANY TWO OF THE STATES OF MAINE, NEW HAMPSHIRE, MASSACHUSETTS, RHODE ISLAND, CONNECTICUT, NEW YORK, NEW JERSEY, DELAWARE, MARYLAND, VIRGINIA, NORTH CAROLINA, SOUTH CAROLINA, GEORGIA AND FLORIDA HAVE RATIFIED IT AND CONGRESS HAS GIVEN ITS CONSENT. ANY STATE CONTIGUOUS WITH ANY OF THE AFOREMENTIONED STATES AND RIPARIAN UPON WATERS FREQUENTED BY ANADROMOUS FISH, FLOWING INTO WATERS UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF ANY OF THE AFOREMENTIONED STATES, MAY BECOME A PARTY HERETO AS HEREINAFTER PROVIDED.

ARTICLE III

EACH STATE JOINING HEREIN SHALL APPOINT THREE REPRESENTATIVES TO A COMMISSION HEREBY CONSTITUTED AND DESIGNATED AS THE ATLANTIC STATES MARINE FISHERIES COMMISSION. ONE SHALL BE THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE AGENCY OF SUCH STATE CHARGED WITH THE CONSERVATION OF THE FISHERIES RESOURCES TO WHICH THIS COMPACT PERTAINS, OR, IF THERE BE MORE THAN ONE OFFICER OR AGENCY, THE OFFICIAL OF THAT STATE NAMED BY THE GOVERNOR THEREOF. THE SECOND SHALL BE A MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATURE OF SUCH STATE DESIGNATED BY THE COMMISSION OR COMMITTEE ON INTERSTATE COOPERATION OF SUCH STATE, OR IF THERE BE NONE, BY THE GOVERNOR THEREOF. THE THIRD SHALL BE A CITIZEN WHO SHALL HAVE A KNOWLEDGE OF AND INTEREST IN THE MARINE FISHERIES PROBLEM TO BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR. THIS COMMISSION SHALL BE A BODY CORPORATE WITH THE POWERS AND DUTIES SET FORTH HEREIN.

ARTICLE IV

THE DUTY OF THE SAID COMMISSION SHALL BE TO MAKE