

INQUIRY AND ASCERTAIN FROM TIME TO TIME SUCH METHODS, PRACTICES, CIRCUMSTANCES AND CONDITIONS AS MAY BE DISCLOSED FOR BRINGING ABOUT CONSERVATION AND THE PREVENTION OF THE DEPLETION AND PHYSICAL WASTE OF THE FISHERIES, MARINE, SHELL AND ANADROMOUS, OF THE ATLANTIC SEABOARD. THE COMMISSION SHALL HAVE POWER TO RECOMMEND THE COORDINATION OF THE EXERCISE OF THE POLICE POWERS OF THE SEVERAL STATES WITHIN THEIR RESPECTIVE JURISDICTIONS TO PROMOTE THE PRESERVATION OF THOSE FISHERIES AND THEIR PROTECTION AGAINST OVERFISHING, WASTE, DEPLETION OR ANY ABUSE WHATSOEVER AND TO ASSURE A CONTINUING YIELD FROM THE FISHERIES RESOURCES OF THE AFOREMENTIONED STATES.

TO THAT END THE COMMISSION SHALL DRAFT AND, AFTER CONSULTATION WITH THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE, RECOMMEND TO THE GOVERNORS AND LEGISLATURES OF THE VARIOUS SIGNATORY STATES LEGISLATION DEALING WITH THE CONSERVATION OF THE MARINE AND ANADROMOUS FISHERIES OF THE ATLANTIC SEABOARD. THE COMMISSION SHALL, MORE THAN ONE MONTH PRIOR TO ANY REGULAR MEETING OF THE LEGISLATURE IN ANY SIGNATORY STATE, PRESENT TO THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE ITS RECOMMENDATIONS RELATING TO ENACTMENTS TO BE MADE BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THAT STATE IN FURTHERING THE INTENTS AND PURPOSES OF THIS COMPACT.

THE COMMISSION SHALL CONSULT WITH AND ADVISE THE PERTINENT ADMINISTRATIVE AGENCIES IN THE STATES PARTIES HERETO WITH REGARD TO PROBLEMS CONNECTED WITH THE FISHERIES AND RECOMMEND THE ADOPTION OF SUCH REGULATIONS AS IT DEEMS ADVISABLE.

THE COMMISSION SHALL HAVE POWER TO RECOMMEND TO THE STATES PARTY HERETO THE STOCKING OF THE WATERS OF SUCH STATES WITH FISH AND FISH EGGS OR JOINT STOCKING BY SOME OR ALL OF THE STATES PARTY HERETO AND WHEN TWO OR MORE OF THE STATES SHALL JOINTLY STOCK WATERS THE COMMISSION SHALL ACT AS THE COORDINATING AGENCY FOR SUCH STOCKING.

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THE COMMISSION SHALL ELECT FROM ITS NUMBER A CHAIRMAN AND A VICE-CHAIRMAN AND SHALL APPOINT AND AT ITS PLEASURE REMOVE OR DISCHARGE SUCH OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES AS MAY BE REQUIRED TO CARRY THE PROVISIONS OF THIS COMPACT INTO EFFECT AND SHALL FIX AND DETERMINE THEIR DUTIES, QUALIFICATIONS AND COMPENSATION. SAID COMMISSION SHALL ADOPT RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE CONDUCT OF ITS BUSINESS. IT MAY