

ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN ONE OR MORE OFFICES FOR THE TRANSACTION OF ITS BUSINESS AND MAY MEET AT ANY TIME OR PLACE BUT MUST MEET AT LEAST ONCE A YEAR.

#### ARTICLE VI

NO ACTION SHALL BE TAKEN BY THE COMMISSION IN REGARD TO ITS GENERAL AFFAIRS EXCEPT BY THE AFFIRMATIVE VOTE OF A MAJORITY OF THE WHOLE NUMBER OF COMPACTING STATES PRESENT AT ANY MEETING. NO RECOMMENDATION SHALL BE MADE BY THE COMMISSION IN REGARD TO ANY SPECIES OF FISH EXCEPT BY THE AFFIRMATIVE VOTE OF A MAJORITY OF THE COMPACTING STATES WHICH HAVE AN INTEREST IN THAT SPECIES. THE COMMISSION SHALL DEFINE WHAT SHALL BE AN INTEREST.

#### ARTICLE VII

THE FISH AND WILD LIFE SERVICE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES SHALL ACT AS THE PRIMARY RESEARCH AGENCY OF THE ATLANTIC STATES MARINE FISHERIES COMMISSION COOPERATING WITH THE RESEARCH AGENCIES IN EACH STATE FOR THAT PURPOSE. REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SAID FISH AND WILD LIFE SERVICE SHALL ATTEND THE MEETINGS OF THE COMMISSION.

AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO BE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE COMMERCIAL FISHERMEN AND THE SALT WATER ANGLERS AND THE OTHER SUCH INTERESTS OF EACH STATE AS THE COMMISSION DEEMS ADVISABLE SHALL BE ESTABLISHED BY THE COMMISSION AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADVISING THE COMMISSION UPON SUCH RECOMMENDATIONS AS IT MAY DESIRE TO MAKE.

#### ARTICLE VIII

WHEN ANY STATE OTHER THAN THOSE NAMED SPECIFICALLY IN ARTICLE II OF THIS COMPACT SHALL BECOME A PARTY THERETO FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSERVING ANADROMOUS FISH IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE II, THE PARTICIPATION OF SUCH STATE IN THE ACTION OF THE COMMISSION SHALL BE LIMITED TO SPECIES OF ANADROMOUS FISH.

#### ARTICLE IX

NOTHING IN THIS COMPACT SHALL BE CONSTRUED TO LIMIT THE POWERS OF ANY SIGNATORY STATE OR TO REPEAL OR PREVENT THE ENACTMENT OF ANY LEGISLATION OR THE ENFORCEMENT OF ANY REQUIREMENT BY ANY SIGNATORY STATE