

AND OTHER RIGHTS AND BENEFITS OF THE COMMISSION'S OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES, AND SHALL APPOINT THE PRINCIPAL OFFICERS OF THE COMMISSION AND ALLOCATE AMONG THEM ADMINISTRATIVE FUNCTIONS, POWERS, AND DUTIES. THE COMMISSION MAY DELEGATE TO THE OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE COMMISSION ANY POWERS, FUNCTIONS, AND RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER THIS AGREEMENT AS IT DEEMS SUITABLE, EXCEPT THAT IT MAY NOT DELEGATE ITS POWER TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE RESPECTIVE LEGISLATURES, TO ISSUE REPORTS OR TO ADOPT THE ANNUAL EXPENSE BUDGET.

ARTICLE II
PURPOSES, POWERS AND DUTIES.

7. PURPOSES.

THE PURPOSES OF THE SIGNATORIES IN ENACTING THIS AGREEMENT ARE TO ASSIST THE LEGISLATURES OF MARYLAND AND VIRGINIA IN EVALUATING AND RESPONDING TO PROBLEMS OF MUTUAL CONCERN RELATING TO THE CHESAPEAKE BAY; TO PROMOTE INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION; TO ENCOURAGE COOPERATIVE COORDINATED RESOURCE PLANNING AND ACTION BY THE SIGNATORIES AND THEIR AGENCIES; TO PROVIDE, WHERE APPROPRIATE, THROUGH RECOMMENDATION TO THE RESPECTIVE LEGISLATURE, UNIFORMITY OF LEGISLATIVE APPLICATION; TO PRESERVE AND ENHANCE THE FUNCTIONS, POWERS, AND DUTIES OF EXISTING OFFICES AND AGENCIES OF GOVERNMENT; AND TO RECOMMEND IMPROVEMENTS IN THE EXISTING MANAGEMENT SYSTEM FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PRESENT AND FUTURE INHABITANTS OF THE CHESAPEAKE BAY REGION.

8. POWERS.

IN PURSUIT OF THE PURPOSES AND DUTIES SET FORTH IN THIS ARTICLE, THE COMMISSION MAY EXERCISE THE FOLLOWING POWERS:

1. THE COMMISSION MAY COLLECT, COMPILE, ANALYZE, INTERPRET, COORDINATE, TABULATE, SUMMARIZE, AND DISTRIBUTE TECHNICAL AND OTHER DATA RELATIVE TO THE CHESAPEAKE BAY AND ITS ENVIRONS. IT MAY CONDUCT OR CONTRACT FOR STUDIES, EXCEPT THOSE FOR PRIMARY SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH, AND MAY PREPARE REPORTS ON EXISTING OR POTENTIAL PROBLEMS WITHIN THE BAY REGION.

2. THE COMMISSION MAY PREPARE, PUBLISH, AND DISSEMINATE INFORMATION IN REPORTS RELATED TO THE RESOURCES OF THE REGION.

3. THE COMMISSION MAY SERVE AS AN ADVISORY BOARD TO ANY REQUESTING AGENCY OF EITHER STATE ON MATTERS OF BISTATE CONCERN.

4. THE COMMISSION MAY MAKE APPLICATION FOR GRANTS, SERVICES, OR OTHER AIDS AS MAY BE AVAILABLE FROM PUBLIC OR PRIVATE SOURCES TO FINANCE OR ASSIST IN EFFECTUATING ANY PURPOSES OF THIS AGREEMENT; AND RECEIVE AND ACCEPT THE SAME ON SUCH TERMS AND CONDITIONS AS MAY BE REQUIRED BY THE LAW OF THE RESPECTIVE SIGNATORY STATES.