

5. THE COMMISSION MAY PURCHASE ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPLIES AND MAY LEASE SUFFICIENT OFFICE SPACE IF SUCH SPACE IS NOT OTHERWISE MADE AVAILABLE FOR ITS USE.

6. THE COMMISSION MAY EXERCISE SUCH OTHER POWERS AS ARE GRANTED BY THIS AGREEMENT AND TAKE SUCH ACTIONS AS ARE NECESSARY OR APPROPRIATE FOR PERFORMING THE DUTIES SET FORTH IN THIS AGREEMENT.

9. DUTIES.

IN CARRYING OUT THE PURPOSES SET FORTH IN THIS ARTICLE, THE COMMISSION SHALL HAVE THE FOLLOWING DUTIES:

1. THE COMMISSION SHALL (I) IDENTIFY SPECIFIC BAY MANAGEMENT CONCERNS REQUIRING INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION AND COOPERATION, AND (II) RECOMMEND TO THE STATES AND/OR TO THE FEDERAL AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS LEGISLATIVE AND ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE COORDINATED AND COOPERATIVE MANAGEMENT FOR THE BAY.

2. IN ADMINISTERING THE PROVISIONS OF THIS AGREEMENT THE COMMISSION SHALL CONSIDER THE NEEDS OF THE REGION FOR INDUSTRIAL AND AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT AND FOR GAINFUL EMPLOYMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF A HIGH QUALITY ENVIRONMENT.

3. THE COMMISSION SHALL RESPECT AND SUPPORT THE PRIMARY ROLE OF THE RESPECTIVE SIGNATORY STATES AND THEIR ADMINISTRATIVE AGENCIES IN MANAGING THE RESOURCES OF THE REGION.

4. THE COMMISSION SHALL COLLECT, ANALYZE, AND DISSEMINATE INFORMATION PERTAINING TO THE REGION AND ITS RESOURCES FOR THE RESPECTIVE LEGISLATIVE BODIES. THE COMMISSION SHALL PREPARE AN ANNUAL REPORT INDICATING THE STATUS OF BISTATE ENVIRONMENTAL AND ECONOMIC BAY ISSUES AND THE PROGRESS OF BISTATE COORDINATIVE EFFORTS.

5. THE COMMISSION SHALL REPRESENT COMMON INTERESTS OF THE SIGNATORIES AS THEY ARE AFFECTED BY THE ACTIVITIES OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND SHALL ASSIST IN THE MONITORING OF THOSE ACTIVITIES IN THE CHESAPEAKE BAY REGION.

6. THE COMMISSION MAY PROVIDE AN ARBITRATION FORUM TO SERVE AS AN ADVISORY MEDIATOR FOR BISTATE PROGRAMMATIC CONFLICTS WHEN SUCH ACTION IS REQUESTED BY THE RESPECTIVE LEGISLATURES OR BY THE EXECUTIVE BRANCHES OF BOTH STATES.

ARTICLE III
BUDGETS AND FINANCING.

10. ANNUAL BUDGET.

THE COMMISSION SHALL ANNUALLY ADOPT A BUDGET, WHICH SHALL INCLUDE THE COMMISSION'S ESTIMATED EXPENSES FOR ADMINISTRATION AND OPERATION. IN ESTABLISHING THE ANNUAL CURRENT EXPENSE BUDGET, THE COMMISSION SHALL BALANCE TOTAL