

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 EXPENSES AGAINST THE COMMISSION'S ESTIMATE OF REVENUES FROM ALL SOURCES, EITHER PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED BY A SIGNATORY STATE OR RECEIVABLE FROM ANY PERSON OR GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY BY CONTRACT OR GRANT WITH THAT PERSON OR GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY. THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMISSION SHALL CERTIFY TO THE RESPECTIVE SIGNATORIES, AND SUBMIT TO PERSONS IN OTHER GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES, STATEMENTS OF THE AMOUNTS REQUESTED FROM THEM IN ACCORDANCE WITH EXISTING COST-SHARING ESTABLISHED BY THIS AGREEMENT OR BY THE PARTIES. THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMISSION SHALL TRANSMIT CERTIFIED COPIES OF SUCH BUDGETS TO THE PRINCIPAL BUDGET OFFICER OF THE RESPECTIVE SIGNATORY PARTIES AT SUCH TIME AND IN SUCH MANNER AS MAY BE REQUIRED UNDER THEIR RESPECTIVE BUDGETARY PROCEDURES.

11. APPORTIONMENT OF COST.

THE AMOUNT REQUIRED FOR THE COMMISSION'S CURRENT EXPENSE BUDGET SHALL BE APPORTIONED EQUALLY AMONG THE SIGNATORY PARTIES UNLESS A DIFFERENT APPORTIONMENT IS AGREED TO BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE COMMISSION.

12. INITIAL BUDGET.

THE CURRENT EXPENSE BUDGET FOR THE FIRST FISCAL YEAR OF OPERATION SHALL BE \$150,000, TO BE EQUALLY APPORTIONED BETWEEN THE RESPECTIVE SIGNATORY STATES.

ARTICLE IV  
AMENDMENTS TO AGREEMENT.

13. NO MODIFICATION WITHOUT LEGISLATIVE APPROVAL.

THIS AGREEMENT SHALL NOT BE AMENDED OR MODIFIED EXCEPT WITH THE CONCURRENCE OF THE LEGISLATURES OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND AND THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA. NO AMENDMENT SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE UNTIL ADOPTED IN THE SAME MANNER AS THE ORIGINAL AGREEMENT.