

[3.] (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.] (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 INVOLVING THE CHESAPEAKE BAY and the progress of [bistate] coordinative efforts BY THE MEMBER STATES.

[5.] (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.] (6) The Commission may provide [an arbitration] A forum to serve as an advisory mediator for [bistate] programmatic conflicts BETWEEN OR AMONG THE MEMBER STATES when such action is requested by the [respective legislatures or by the executive branches of both states] CONFLICTING MEMBER STATES.

Article III

Budget and Financing

[10.] SECTION 301. 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.] SECTION 302. 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.--] SECTION 303. ~~-1985-1986--FISCAL-YEAR ANNUAL EXPENSE BUDGET.--~~