

Article II

Purposes, Powers and Duties

[7.] SECTION 201. Purposes.--

The purposes of the signatories in enacting this agreement are to assist the legislatures of Maryland, [and] Virginia, AND PENNSYLVANIA 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.] SECTION 202. Powers.--

In pursuit of the purposes and duties set forth in this article, the Commission may exercise the following powers:

[1.] (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.] (2) The Commission may prepare, publish, and disseminate information in reports related to the resources of the region.

[3.] (3) The Commission may serve as an advisory board to any requesting agency of [either state on matters of bistrate concern] THE MEMBER STATES ON MATTERS OF INTERSTATE CONCERN.

[4.] (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.

[5.] (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.] (6) The Commission may exercise such other powers as are granted by this agreement and take such actions as