

are necessary or appropriate for performing the duties set forth in this agreement.

[9.] SECTION 203. Duties.--

In carrying out the purposes set forth in this article, the Commission shall have the following duties:

[1.] (1) The Commission shall:

(i) [identify] IDENTIFY specific Bay management concerns requiring intergovernmental coordination and cooperation[,]; and

(ii) [recommend] RECOMMEND to the [states and/or to the federal and local governments] VARIOUS FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, WHICH ARE INVOLVED IN THE BAY REGION, legislative and administrative actions necessary to effectuate coordinated and cooperative management for the [Bay] CHESAPEAKE BAY.

[2.] (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] FOR a high quality environment.

[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 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.--