

8. THE DISTRICT, THE MARYLAND DNR, AND THE WEST VIRGINIA DNR ARE DESIROUS OF CONSERVING, PERPETUATING AND IMPROVING FISH AND WILDLIFE RESOURCES AND RECREATIONAL BENEFITS OF THE JENNINGS RANDOLPH LAKE PROJECT; AND

9. THE DISTRICT AND THE STATES OF MARYLAND AND WEST VIRGINIA WISH TO IMPLEMENT THE AFORESAID ACTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES THROUGH THIS COMPACT AND THEY EACH RECOGNIZE THAT CONSISTENT ENFORCEMENT OF THE NATURAL RESOURCES AND BOATING LAWS AND REGULATIONS CAN BEST BE ACHIEVED BY ENTERING THIS COMPACT;

NOW, THEREFORE

THE STATES OF MARYLAND AND WEST VIRGINIA, WITH THE CONCURRENCE OF THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY, CORPS OF ENGINEERS, HEREBY SOLEMNLY COVENANT AND AGREE WITH EACH OTHER, UPON ENACTMENT OF CONCURRENT LEGISLATION BY THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES AND BY THE RESPECTIVE STATE LEGISLATURES, TO THE JENNINGS RANDOLPH LAKE PROJECT COMPACT, WHICH CONSISTS OF THIS PREAMBLE AND THE ARTICLES THAT FOLLOW:

ARTICLE I - NAME, FINDINGS, AND PURPOSE

1.1 THIS COMPACT SHALL BE KNOWN AND MAY BE CITED AS THE JENNINGS RANDOLPH LAKE PROJECT COMPACT.

1.2 THE LEGISLATIVE BODIES OF THE RESPECTIVE SIGNATORY PARTIES, WITH THE CONCURRENCE OF THE U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, HEREBY FIND AND DECLARE:

1. THE WATER RESOURCES AND PROJECT LANDS OF THE JENNINGS RANDOLPH LAKE PROJECT ARE AFFECTED WITH LOCAL, STATE, REGIONAL, AND NATIONAL INTEREST, AND THE PLANNING, CONSERVATION, UTILIZATION, PROTECTION AND MANAGEMENT OF THESE RESOURCES, UNDER APPROPRIATE ARRANGEMENTS FOR INTER-GOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION, ARE PUBLIC PURPOSES OF THE RESPECTIVE SIGNATORY PARTIES.

2. THE LANDS AND WATERS OF THE JENNINGS RANDOLPH LAKE PROJECT ARE SUBJECT TO THE SOVEREIGN RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE SIGNATORY PARTIES, AND IT IS THE PURPOSE OF THIS COMPACT THAT, NOTWITHSTANDING ANY BOUNDARY BETWEEN MARYLAND AND WEST VIRGINIA THAT PREEXISTED THE CREATION OF JENNINGS RANDOLPH LAKE, THE PARTIES SHALL HAVE AND EXERCISE CONCURRENT JURISDICTION OVER ANY LANDS AND WATERS OF THE JENNINGS RANDOLPH LAKE PROJECT CONCERNING NATURAL RESOURCES AND BOATING LAWS AND REGULATIONS IN THE COMMON INTEREST OF THE PEOPLE OF THE REGION.