

(3) The Commission or a panel of the Commission may not hold a public hearing unless a quorum is present.

(4) The Commission or a panel of the Commission may not take any official action unless:

(i) A quorum is present; and

(ii) A majority of the members who are present and eligible to vote concur in or vote for the action.

8-1806.

(A) The Commission has all powers necessary for carrying out the purposes of this subtitle, including the following:

(1) To adopt regulations and criteria in accordance with Title 2, Subtitle 5 (Joint Committee on Administrative, Executive and Legislative Review) and Title 10, Subtitle 1 (Administrative Procedure Act) of the State Government Article;

(2) To conduct hearings in connection with policies, proposed programs, and proposed regulations or amendments to regulations; [and]

(3) To contract for consultant or other services; AND

(4) TO ESTABLISH AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE, COMPOSED OF MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION AND LOCAL CITIZENS AND LOCAL STAKEHOLDER GROUPS, TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE COMMISSION WITH RESPECT TO ATLANTIC COASTAL BAYS CRITICAL AREA PROGRAMS.

(B) THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION WHO RESIDE IN THE ATLANTIC COASTAL BAYS WATERSHED SHALL SERVE ON ANY COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED UNDER SUBSECTION (A)(4) OF THIS SECTION.

8-1807.

(a) The initial planning area for determination of the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area consists of:

(1) All waters of and lands under the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries to the head of tide as indicated on the State wetlands maps, and all State and private wetlands designated under Title 16 of the Environment Article; and

(2) All land and water areas within 1,000 feet beyond the landward boundaries of State or private wetlands and the heads of tides designated under Title [9] 16 of the Environment Article.

(B) THE INITIAL PLANNING AREA FOR DETERMINATION OF THE ATLANTIC COASTAL BAYS CRITICAL AREA CONSISTS OF:

(1) ALL WATERS OF AND LANDS UNDER THE COASTAL BAYS AND THEIR TRIBUTARIES TO THE HEAD OF TIDE AS INDICATED ON THE STATE WETLANDS MAPS, AND ALL STATE AND PRIVATE WETLANDS DESIGNATED UNDER TITLE 16 OF THE ENVIRONMENT ARTICLE; AND