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The Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission is an outgrowth of the "Eastern Conservation Conference" begun in 1937. Seven states, including Maryland, drew up and ratified a compact in 1941. Maryland ratified by Chapter 435, Acts of 1941. This compact, assented to by the United States Congress and signed by the President in 1942, is the legal basis of the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission, which today has a membership of fifteen Atlantic Seaboard States.

Each State is represented by three Commissioners, one of whom must be the chairman or director of the fisheries management agency, one a legislator and a member of the Commission on Interstate Cooperation, and one selected by the Governor for a three-year term. The Commission advises only, aiding in the development of joint programs dealing with particular species of fish or bodies of water common to two or more states. These programs may result in uniform laws or varying but coordinated measures as the circumstances require. The Commission meets annually and in four regional groups as follows: (1) the North Atlantic States, (2) the Middle Atlantic States, (3) the Chesapeake Bay Area, and (4) the South Atlantic States. In place of special committees which in the past dealt with particular species, the 15th Annual Meeting created an overall scientific committee to digest scientific material and present condensed reports to the Commission. A similar committee was established to report on legal matters. The technical advice and research facilities of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service are available to the Commission and its member states. Each participating state contributes to the support of the Commission in proportion to the value of its Marine Fisheries catch as compared with the total Atlantic catch. The Commission issues mimeographed minutes of Annual, Section, and Committee meetings. The Annual Meeting minutes contain scientific appendices. The Commission also issues printed Annual Reports. All are on file in the office of the Department of Tidewater Fisheries (Code 1957, Art. 66C, secs. 256-61).

Appropriations	1961	1962
General Funds	\$2,000	\$2,000
Staff: 3.		

INTERSTATE COMMISSION ON THE POTOMAC RIVER BASIN

Representatives from the State of Maryland:

J. Millard Tawes, Governor; George F. Hazelwood, 1963; H. Winship Wheatley, Jr., 1963; Joseph F. Kaylor, Alternate to the Governor, 1963; L. Eugene Cronin, Alternate, 1963; Christian Heurich, Jr., Alternate, 1963.

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The Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin was established by an Act of Congress in 1940, and the compact was ratified by the participating states shortly thereafter. Maryland ratified by Chapter 320, Acts of 1939. The Commission is composed of representatives from the United States Government, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia, and the District of Columbia. The representatives from Maryland include the Governor and two members,