

ment in the Basin. The Commission will consist of the governor or his designee from each signatory state and one member to be appointed by the President of the United States to serve at the pleasure of the President. The Commission will provide for its own organization and procedure and will each year elect its own Chairman and Vice Chairman from among its members (Natural Resources Article, secs. 8-302).

ATLANTIC STATES MARINE FISHERIES COMMISSION

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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 Intergovernmental Cooperation, and one selected by the Governor.

Maryland is represented by the Fisheries Administrator of the Department of Natural Resources and a member of the Intergovernmental Cooperation Commission, both of whom serve *ex officio*, and a resident of Maryland with knowledge and interest in

marine fisheries problems appointed 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 Natural Resources (Natural Resources Article, secs. 4-301 to 4-305). The Commission also publishes and distributes the Marine Resources Leaflet series, including Atlantic Menhaden, Soft-Shell Clam, Southern Shrimp, American Lobster, Summer Flounder, American Shad, Striped Bass, Haddock, Atlantic Cod, Oyster, Marine Bait Worms, Spotted Seatrout, Hard Clam, and Hard Clam Supplement.

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