
ATLANTIC STATES MARINE FISHERIES COMMISSION

Chair: Gordon C. Colvin, New York

Maryland representatives: W. Peter Jensen, Director, Tidal Fisheries Division, Department of Natural Resources; Ronald A. Guns, House of Delegates; William J. Goldsborough, Governor's appointee, 1998.

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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, ratified a compact in 1941 (Chapter 435, Acts of 1941). This compact, approved by the U.S. Congress and signed by the President in 1942, is the legal basis of the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission.

The Commission develops joint fishery management programs which may lead to uniform laws or varying but coordinated measures. It also adopts cooperative interstate management plans for particular species of fish or bodies of water common to two or more states. Each state must implement the management plan or the Commission may recommend to the Secretary of Commerce that a federal moratorium on fishing be imposed on the noncomplying state.

The Commission has a membership of fifteen Atlantic seaboard states, each represented by three commissioners. One commissioner represents the state agency charged with conservation of fisheries resources, one is a legislator, and one is selected by the governor for a three-year term. Each participating state pays dues for the support of the Commission in proportion to the value of its marine fisheries catch (Code Natural Resources Article, secs. 4-301 through 4-305).

CHESAPEAKE BAY COMMISSION

Chair: Noah W. Wenger, Pennsylvania

Vice-Chair: Joseph V. Gartlan, Jr., Virginia

Maryland members: John R. Griffin, Secretary of Natural Resources; C. Bernard Fowler, citizen member; John A. Cade and Brian E. Frosh, State Senate; Charles A. McClenahan, Michael H. Weir, and John F. Wood, Jr., House of Delegates.

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Originally founded on a bi-state agreement between Maryland and Virginia, the Chesapeake Bay Commission was created in 1980 (Chapter 674, Acts of 1980). Its formation stemmed from recommendations of the Chesapeake Bay Legislative Advisory Commission on the need for improved interstate coordination of Bay-wide management. In 1985, Pennsylvania became a member of the Commission.

The Commission helps the legislatures of Maryland, Virginia, and Pennsylvania evaluate and respond to problems relating to Chesapeake Bay. The Commission also encourages coordinated resource planning and action among the executive agencies of the three member states and serves as liaison to the U.S. Congress.

The Commission consists of twenty-one members, seven from each signatory state. Five from each state are state legislators whose terms coincide with those of their office. Of the Maryland legislative members, two are senators named by the Senate President and three are delegates chosen by the Speaker of the House of Delegates. The Governor or designee serves as a member. Another member, who is neither a legislator nor a member of the Executive branch, is selected jointly by the Senate President and the House Speaker. Nonlegislative members serve no longer than four years unless reappointed. Selected by the members, the chair and vice-chair alternate annually among the delegations from the three states. Each state contributes equally to the annual budget — \$375,000 for Fiscal Year 1996 (Code Natural Resources Article, secs. 8-302 through 8-304).

CHESAPEAKE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Chair: Carol M. Browner, Administrator, U.S.
Environmental Protection Agency

Ex officio: Parris N. Glendening, Governor of Maryland; Thomas J. Ridge, Governor of Pennsylvania; George F. Allen, Governor of Virginia; Marion S. Barry, Jr., Mayor, District of Columbia; Noah W. Wenger, Chair, Chesapeake Bay Commission.

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The Chesapeake Executive Council was established by the Chesapeake Bay Agreement of 1983 to coordinate the work of restoring and protecting Chesapeake Bay. In accordance with the 1987 Chesapeake Bay Agreement, the Council is the governing body for these efforts. Parties to the 1987 Agreement are the State of Maryland; the Commonwealths of Pennsylvania and Virginia; the District of Columbia; the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, representing the federal govern-