

the initiative and submit such changes as were thought desirable. He stated that Maryland had no suggestion to offer, but they would try and gratify Virginia. He was followed by Senator Beck, who voiced virtually the same sentiments as Senator Benson and stated further that Maryland felt aggrieved on account of the nets stretching so far across the mouth of the Bay. He summed up the situation, "If you protect them here, we will protect them up the Bay, and the spawning grounds of the river." It was agreed that a recess be taken until 8 o'clock P. M., in order that Virginia might draft a program for concurrent fish legislation.

It was about 8.30 when Chairman Cummings called the joint session together. Mr. Lee submitted the report of the Virginia Commission, outlining the suggested legislation. Maryland asked that time be given for its commission to consider these suggestions and the meeting adjourned until Wednesday.

Shortly before noon, on Wednesday morning, the two commissions again went into session, when the most important work was accomplished. After considerable discussion over the preamble and readjusting one of the items, Maryland accepted the following resolution from Virginia:

"Whereas, The Joint Legislative Commission of Maryland and Virginia, recognizing the necessity and the right of the two States to enact suitable legislation for the protection and conservation of the seafood products of the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries; therefore, be it

"Resolved by the said commission, That the following suggestions be enacted into laws by concurrent legislation of the two States, to wit:

"1. That lines of fish pounds, or other nets, shall not extend beyond the lines in Bay or rivers established in 1914 by the United States War Department.

"2. That a heavy penalty be imposed for taking, catching or having in possession food fish, including herring, to the extent of 1 per centum for the purpose of manufacturing into oil or guano.

"3. That cull laws be enacted for catching or having in possession sturgeon, rock, spot, trout, blue fish, hog fish, perch, mullet, bass, etc., turning same loose while yet alive.

"4. That a closed season, and not regulations, be provided for perch and rock.