



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
DOVER

EXECUTIVE ORDER  
NUMBER ONE HUNDRED

TO: ALL STATE DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES  
RE: GOVERNOR'S TASK FORCE ON COASTAL FISHERIES

WHEREAS, the finfisheries in the coastal waters of Delaware have provided subsistence, commerce and recreation throughout history to countless numbers of citizens; and

WHEREAS, many of the laws governing the coastal finfisheries were enacted in 1907; and

WHEREAS, there has not been a comprehensive review of the finfish laws since 1927; and

WHEREAS, substantial changes have evolved in the type of gear used in today's coastal fisheries; and

WHEREAS, the prudent recreational and commercial use of the fishery resources of the State are of vital interest to all our citizens;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, PIERRE S. du PONT, IV, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Delaware, do hereby direct and order as follows:

1. Establishment

The Governor's Task Force on Coastal Fisheries is hereby established.

2. Membership

Members of the Task Force shall be appointed by the Governor as follows:

- a. Six (6) members involved with the commercial taking or selling of fish;
- b. Six (6) members involved with the recreational taking of fish;
- c. One (1) owner/operator of a head or charter boat;
- d. One (1) representative of the Coast Guard Auxiliary
- e. A representative of the Division of Fish and Wildlife, DNREC, ex officio;

- f. A representative of the OMBP, ex officio;
- g. A representative of the College of Marine Studies, University of Delaware, ex officio.

Ex officio members may participate in all matters but do not vote.

In addition, the Majority and Minority leaders in both the House of Representatives and the Senate shall each appoint one member from the Legislature.

3. Chairman

The Chairman of the Task Force shall be Dr. Donald F. Crossan of Newark, Delaware. Dr. Crossan has much experience in the coordination and administration of environmental and economic programs.

4. Duties

The Task Force is hereby charged with the following responsibilities:

- a. To determine if finfish laws need to be changed;
- b. To recommend revisions and/or amendments to finfish laws in effect for all tidal waters of the State that will encourage the economically and environmentally acceptable management and development of our State's coastal finfisheries.

5. Task Force Support

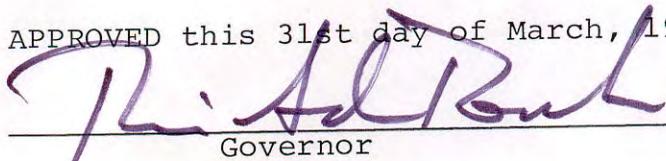
Such staff and facilities support as is deemed reasonably necessary and available by the Director of the Division of Fish and Wildlife shall be provided to the committee by the Division of Fish and Wildlife in cooperation with the Office of Management, Budget and Planning (OMBP) and the affected state agencies.

6. Committee Report

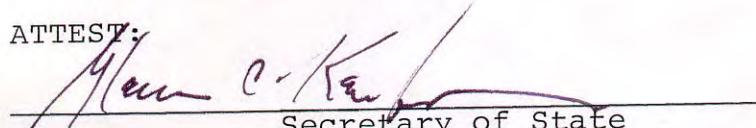
The Task Force shall make its recommendations and proposals to the Governor no later than October 30, 1981.

7. The provisions of this Executive Order shall expire on December 31, 1981.

APPROVED this 31st day of March, 1981.

  
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Governor

ATTEST:

  
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Secretary of State

