

STATE OF NEW JERSEY,  
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

## EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 59

WHEREAS, The marine fisheries resources of this State supply a valuable part of New Jersey's natural resources, recreational activity and food supply and are essential to the promotion of the public health, safety and welfare; and

WHEREAS, Those resources support industries important to the economy of this State; and

WHEREAS, The "Fishery Conservation and Management Act of 1976" (the 200-Mile Legislation) requires each state to provide for the conservation and management of its marine fisheries; and

WHEREAS, Comprehensive management programs and policies for New Jersey's marine fisheries will aid in the maintenance and expansion of the State's commercial and recreational fishing industries; and

WHEREAS, Various State agencies are presently involved in the development and implementation of new programs to aid and protect marine fisheries resources and industries which require the input and assistance of interested citizens.

Now, THEREFORE, I, Brendan Byrne, Governor of the State of New Jersey, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and by the statutes of this State, do hereby Order and Direct:

1. There is hereby created a Governor's Commission on Marine Fisheries comprised of citizens and residents of the State appointed by and serving at the pleasure of the Governor, including the heads of the Department of Environmental Protection, Agriculture and Labor and Industry, or their designated representatives, and the Director of the Division of Fish, Game and Shellfisheries who shall serve as members of the Commission ex officio. The members shall serve without compensation. The Governor shall designate a Chairman who shall preside over meetings.

2. It shall be the duty of the Commission to:

- (a) Examine, review and study any matter relevant to the conservation and management of the marine fisheries resources of the State;

- (b) Review, draft and recommend legislation that will provide the State authority for the conservation and management of the State's marine fisheries resources;

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(c) Review and recommend management regulations of the matters of the conservation of marine fisheries resources and to recommend any other action that should be taken by the State;

(d) Advise the State on its policies, programs and objectives in the area of marine fisheries resources; and

(e) Assist and advise State agencies in the development and implementation of new programs to protect, promote and expand marine fisheries resources and industries.

3. The Director of the Division of Fish, Game and Shellfisheries shall provide the Commission with the information, staff and resources necessary for the performance of its duties subject to the availability of funds.

4. The Commission is authorized to conduct such public hearings and to solicit such information from the public and from any other source as is necessary for the performance of its duties and the carrying out of its functions. Notice of public hearings shall be given in such manner as the Chairman may direct in order to provide an opportunity for interested members of the public to be heard.

5. Each department, office, division or agency of the State is authorized and directed, to the extent not inconsistent with law and the purposes of this Order, to cooperate with the Commission and to furnish it with such information and assistance as it may find necessary in the discharge of its responsibilities.

6. Within 180 days from the effective date of this Order, the Commission shall conclude all its work and submit to the Governor a final report detailing its findings and recommendations.

7. Within the limits of funds therefor, the Commission shall be authorized to incur such expenses as may be necessary to exercise the powers and perform the duties imposed by this Order.

8. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Given, under my hand and seal this 3rd day of  
[SEAL] September, in the year of Our Lord, one thousand nine  
hundred and seventy-seven of the Independence of the  
United States, the two hundredth and second.

/s/ BRENDAN BYRNE,  
*Governor.*

Attest:

/s/ JOHN J. DEGNAN,  
*Executive Secretary to the Governor.*