programs, and working with the Commission to Deter Criminal Activity, the New Jersey Drug Abuse Advisory Council, the Governor’s Committee on Children’s Services Planning and other agencies and organizations dedicated to the elimination of drug and alcohol abuse in New Jersey.

3. The Statewide Narcotics Task Force shall act as staff to the Working Group. The Working Group and the Statewide Narcotics Task Force are authorized to call upon any department or agency of State government to provide such information, resources or other assistance deemed necessary to discharge their responsibilities under this Executive Order. Each member of the Working Group shall assign a representative of his or her department to work with the Narcotics Task Force and to provide such assistance from that department as the Task Force shall require.

4. The Working Group shall begin its efforts immediately to fulfill the objectives delineated in this Order and shall continue until such time as it is determined that the Working Group’s objectives have been met.

5. This Order shall take effect immediately.


EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 150

WHEREAS, The fishing community in this State is currently experiencing great difficulty in securing their fishing rights in the Delaware River and Bay due to a boundary dispute between the States of New Jersey and Delaware; and

WHEREAS, The States of New Jersey and Delaware adopted a compact in 1905, which was approved by Congress in 1907, recognizing a common right of fisheries by citizens of both states in the river; and

WHEREAS, The Assembly of the State of New Jersey has passed a Resolution requesting the Governor to negotiate more equitable shad fishing rights between the States of Delaware and New Jersey and to afford New Jersey citizens consistent and unimpeded use of the waters of the Delaware River; and
WHEREAS, The State of New Jersey recognizes the importance and need of our State's shad fishermen to receive equitable rights with Delaware shad fishermen in the Delaware River and Bay; and

WHEREAS, The development of the New Jersey commercial and recreational fishing community requires cooperation and coordination with the Delaware commercial and recreational fishing community to insure that New Jersey licensed fishermen will be allowed to fish on the New Jersey side of the Delaware River without being required to have a Delaware commercial food fishing license or food fishing permit; and

WHEREAS, It is desirable and appropriate that the fishing community of New Jersey and Delaware develop a system of fishing rights in a manner which takes into account the needs of both states and thereby adopt uniform shad fishing laws for commercial and recreational fishermen; and

WHEREAS, The State of New Jersey is desirous of recognizing a common right of fisheries by citizens of both states in the Delaware River and Bay; and

WHEREAS, It is necessary to develop a program to promote and encourage public access along the Delaware River and Bay and to undertake the necessary steps to accomplish the goal of developing such fishing rights for the citizens of the State of New Jersey;

Now, Therefore, I, Thomas H. Kean, Governor of the State of New Jersey, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of this State, do hereby ORDER and DIRECT that:

1. The following individuals will serve on a commission aimed at achieving the goals herein stated. The commission shall be composed of five members as follows: the Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Protection, or his designee; the Attorney General, or his designee; and three members of the Legislature appointed by the Governor, who represent the Third Legislative district. The chairperson shall be designated by the Governor. Members shall serve without compensation.
2. The chairperson shall preside over the meetings and affairs of the commission and shall have such further powers and duties as may be conferred upon him/her by the Governor. The members of the commission shall select a vice-chairperson by a majority vote of the membership. In the absence of the chairperson, the vice-chairperson of the commission shall have all the powers and duties of the chairperson.

3. The commission shall conduct a thorough study and make recommendations for actions to improve the shad fishing rights of New Jersey fishermen in the Delaware River and Bay and shall determine which steps should be taken to encourage the adoption of uniform shad fishing laws for the States of New Jersey and Delaware in the Delaware River and Bay.

4. The commission shall proceed promptly with its study and investigation and shall render as soon as practicable to the Governor and Legislature a report of its findings and recommendations, which report shall include a plan for the establishment of equitable and uniform fishing rights for the citizens of the States of New Jersey and Delaware.

5. a. The Department of Environmental Protection shall assist the commission in the preparation of its report. In addition, the commission is authorized to call upon any other department, office, division or agency of the State to supply such data, program reports and any other information, personnel or assistance as it deems necessary to discharge its responsibilities under this Order.

b. The commission shall have the authority to meet with officials from Delaware who will represent their interests and work toward achieving the goals of this commission.

c. Each department, office, division or agency of the State is authorized and directed, to the extent not inconsistent with law, to cooperate with the commission and to furnish it with such information and assistance as necessary to accomplish the purposes of this Order.

6. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Issued November 18, 1986.