POTOMAC RIVER SAFETY

MULTI-AGENCY AGREEMENT
POSTSCRIPT

Arlington County, Virginia has the agreement under consideration for signing. Upon their signing, a copy of the completed signature sheet will be sent to you to complete your agreement.
AGENDA

RIVER SAFETY AGREEMENT SIGNING
October 21, 1985
10:00 a.m.

I. Welcome..........Manus J. Fish, Jr.

II. Remarks.........Congressman Michael D. Barnes, Maryland
                Congressman Frank R. Wolf, Virginia
                Congressman Stanford E. Parris, Virginia

III. Signing of Agreement

IV. Thank You........Manus J. Fish, Jr.

V. Apple Cider and Ginger Cookies
POTOMAC RIVER SAFETY
MULTI-AGENCY AGREEMENT
STATE OF MARYLAND, COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA,
THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,
AND THE
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR (NATIONAL PARK SERVICE)

Among and between the State of Maryland, Montgomery County, Maryland, the Commonwealth of Virginia, Fairfax County and Arlington County, Virginia, the District of Columbia, and the United States Department of the Interior (National Park Service):

WHEREAS, the Potomac River between Seneca and Chain Bridge is recognized and used as a significant public recreational resource of the surrounding area and the Nation, and is an area of significant interest as viewed and entered from the adjacent C&O Canal National Historical Park, Maryland, George Washington Memorial Parkway, Maryland and Virginia, Great Falls, Virginia, and certain private lands adjoining the River;

WHEREAS, jurisdiction over the Potomac River is held by the State of Maryland for the River upstream of the District of Columbia boundary and by the District of Columbia for the River within the boundaries of the District;

WHEREAS, recreational use of the River has increased substantially involving a wide spectrum of interest and user groups;

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest to foster river safety, enhance public understanding of hazards on and along the River, and increase the scope, efficiency and coordination of safety patrols and emergency services, and;
WHEREAS, the primary access to the river in the affected areas is through National Park land;

THEREFORE, it is agreed that:

1. The National Park Service, because of its proximity to the Potomac River, shall provide assistance and support to local and state agencies for law enforcement, search, rescue, and regulation of recreational activities on the waters of the Potomac between Seneca Dam and Chain Bridge.

2. The National Park Service, due to its proximity, shall assist these jurisdictions in quick response to rescue situations.

3. The National Park Service will provide space for cooperating agencies to install and maintain systems and equipment to carry out their responsibilities.

4. The State of Maryland, the Commonwealth of Virginia and their respective counties of Montgomery, Fairfax and Arlington, and the District of Columbia will provide and maintain available equipment, material, communication devices and personnel to support a River Safety Program. Inventories of available support items will be worked out by committee actions involving representatives of the agencies involved.

5. The National Park Service shall participate in law enforcement activities on land and on the River pursuant to statutes and regulations developed by the State of Maryland and the District of Columbia for the purpose of promoting the safety, health and welfare of visitors to the aforementioned National Parks and waters of the Potomac River.
FOR ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

Thomas Hawkins, Chief
Arlington Fire Department

FOR CABIN JOHN, MARYLAND FIRE AND RESCUE

John A. Walters, Jr., Captain
Cabin John Volunteer Fire and Rescue, Inc.

FOR GLEN ECHO, MARYLAND FIRE AND RESCUE

P.M. Stillerman, Chief
Glen Echo Fire Department
FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

Betty J. Diener, Secretary of Commerce and Resources

Date

FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

Bernard D. Grooke, Chief
Montgomery County Police Department

Date

Ramon Granados, Director
Department of Fire and Rescue Services

10/21/85

FOR FAIRFAX COUNTY, VIRGINIA

J. Hamilton Lambert, County Executive

Date
FOR THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

Manus J. Fish, Jr., Regional Director
National Capital Region

Date: 10/21/85

FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Maurice Turner, Chief
Metropolitan Police Department

Date: 10/21/85

FOR THE STATE OF MARYLAND

Torrey C. Brown, M.D., Secretary
Maryland Department of Natural Resources

Date: 10/21/85