



## Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin Memorandum

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#### MEMORANDUM

From: Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin (ICPRB)

To: The Junior Potomac Watershed Partnership (JPWP)

Re: Potomac tributary fish die-off

Dear Members of the Junior Potomac Watershed Partnership:

There has been a fish die-off in the Shenandoah River. Smallmouth bass with open sores have washed ashore by the hundreds. ICPRB suspects that the cause is water pollution.

We would like JPWP to lead a task force to investigate this problem. It is important that the task force use the diverse expertise of its partners and that it work with farmers, business managers, foresters, biologists, and other citizens.

We ask JPWP and the task force to investigate the possible causes of this problem in each section of the **watershed**—both **urban** and agricultural—and report them back to us. We would also like you to make recommendations of **Best Management Practices** that can be used to help stop or reduce any pollution that you find.

Sincerely,

Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin staff