

*Submitted To Commission*

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE  
TO CONSIDER AMENDMENTS OF THE  
BEAR RIVER COMPACT

A meeting of a special committee appointed pursuant to resolution adopted at the meeting of the Bear River Commission on November 24, 1969, to consider the amendment of the Bear River Compact was held in the State Capitol, Salt Lake City, Utah, on March 9, 1970.

In attendance were:

Daniel F. Lawrence, Committee Member for Utah  
Floyd A. Bishop, Committee Member for Wyoming  
Ferris M. Kunz, Committee Member for Idaho

E. O. Larson, Chairman and U.S. Representative of  
the Bear River Commission

Wallace N. Jibson, Assistant Secretary of the Bear  
River Commission

E. J. Skeen, Legal Advisor to the Bear River Commission

The committee organized by appointing Mr. Larson Chairman.

The committee considered a memorandum from State Engineer, Floyd A. Bishop, dated February 26, 1970, as a working basis for discussion of proposed modifications of the Compact.

After a discussion of all proposals suggested by committee members for the amendment of the Compact, it was decided that the following should be considered:

1. That Article III D-2 be modified to provide for a biennial report instead of an annual report.
2. That Article IV be amended to provide for the allocation of lower division water.

3. That Article IV 3-E be amended to change the date of termination of water emergencies from October 15 to September 30.
4. That Article V A be amended to increase allowable storage in the upper division with priority superior to the right to store water in Bear Lake or elsewhere below Stewart Dam.
5. That Articles V B and V D, relating to Bear Lake storage, be amended to increase the irrigation reserve in Bear Lake, and otherwise modify storage provisions relating to Bear Lake.
6. That Article XIII be amended to definitely establish the time for the commencement for the next 20-year period for review of the Compact provisions.

It was the consensus of members of the committee that this report contain only suggestions for modification of the Compact without recommending any action thereon and without any intimation that further suggestions be precluded.

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