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QUESTIONS FOR CONNECTICUT RIVER VALLEY AND THAMES RIVER VALLEY FLOOD CONTROL COMMISSIONS' NOMINEES

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CONNECTICUT RIVER VALLEY FLOOD CONTROL COMMISSION (CGS §§ 25-99 AND 100)

- The commission is established under the Connecticut River Valley Flood Control Compact formed by Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Vermont.
- Each state appoints three members.
- It is intended to promote interstate comity, assure adequate storage capacity for impounding river waters to protect against flooding, and to be an interstate agency to cooperatively control flooding.

Questions

1. One of the commission's purposes is to work with other Connecticut River states to ensure adequate flood-water storage capacity for the river and its tributaries. With the heavy rains and the tropical storm this past fall in the Northeast, what more do you think the commission can do to prevent and control flooding?
2. Is the level of communication and cooperation between the Connecticut River states effective, or can it be improved?
3. During the past few years, the commission has developed an administrative relationship with the Connecticut River Watershed Council. Has this working relationship been successful and if so, will it continue? Are there other ways that the organizations can work together?
4. This session the legislature is considering a number of bills related to flood concerns such as mitigation funding, erosion control measures, and dam safety. What do you believe should be given legislative priority to address flood issues?

THAMES RIVER VALLEY FLOOD CONTROL COMMISSION (CGS §§ 25-101 AND 102)

- The commission is established under the Thames River Valley Flood Control Compact formed by Connecticut and Massachusetts.
- Each state appoints three members.
- It promotes interstate comity, assures adequate storage capacity for impounding river waters to protect against flooding, and creates a joint agency to cooperatively control flooding.

Questions

1. What do you believe are obstacles to appropriate flood control on the Thames?
2. Have Massachusetts and Connecticut worked well together to meet the purposes of the commission?
3. The legislature recently approved state regulations for stream flow. What do you think of using dams and impoundments to control river flow?
4. What is the general safety status of flood control dams in the state?

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