

The Department of Research and Education was created to function as a fact gathering and fact disseminating agency in the promotion of conservation work in Maryland, and to carry on the work of the State Weather Service. Supervision of the Department is vested in a Commission of Research and Education, consisting of five members appointed by the Governor from among the citizens of the State, each of whom must have either special training in or experience with natural resources. The members are appointed for terms of five years with overlapping tenure of office.

The members of the Commission select their Chairman and appoint the Director of the Department and such staff members as may be necessary. All appointed personnel are selected according to the Merit System Law.

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The Department maintains four major programs: Research, education, hatcheries, and the State Weather Service. The center for the researches and the educational program is at Solomons Island, the Chesapeake Biological Laboratory. With the creation of the Department in 1941 work was expanded to cover the several fields of conservation in the State.

The research program is concerned primarily with the applied aspects of conservation. The work largely has centered around marine forms. Biological and economic problems, including hydrography and pollution, dealing with the more prominent fisheries have been emphasized.

The educational program of the Department is under the direction of a specialist. A periodical, research reports and educational pamphlets are issued. Emphasis in this work is on the school and college level. Lectures and demonstrations are provided for adults through clubs and other agencies. Courses are held at the Chesapeake Biological Laboratory for graduate students, teachers, school administrators and conservation law enforcement officers.

Hatcheries for commercial fishes, the yellow perch and the shad, are provided at Severn Run, Denton, Millington, and Havre de Grace, while in cooperation with the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, shad hatchery activities are supported on the Potomac River. Fry are provided for all major tributaries and streams in the State.

The State Weather Service is a cooperative project between the Federal government and the State engaged in providing pertinent and useful information to the general public, especially to the farmers and to the air and water transportation interests. Headquarters for the Service are in the U. S. Custom House, Baltimore. In furthering this work, periodic and special publications are issued.