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The Department of Game and Inland Fish, established by Chapter 354, Acts of 1939, superseded the Conservation Department. The Department is associated with the Board of Natural Resources and is directed by a non-salaried five-man Commission, appointed by the Governor from the several geographical regions of the State for five-year terms, one term expiring each year. The Commission elects a Chairman and a Vice Chairman from its membership and appoints the Director of the Department. The Department enforces the game and fresh water fish laws and such additional regulations as it enacts for the conservation of the resources in its charge. Such rules may restrict the terms of the game and fresh water fish laws (Code 1957, Art. 66C, secs. 14, 111-233).

The Department being a Special Fund Agency, receives its total operational funds from the sales of hunting and angling licenses, fines, sale of products from Department-owned lands, and nominal assistance from the United States Government, under the provisions of the Federal Aid in Fish and Wildlife Restoration Acts.

As of June 1965, the Department-owned game management areas, refuges, and community fishing lakes totaled approximately 55,000 acres. At Belle Grove State Game Farm in Allegany County 1,500 wild turkeys are propagated annually and released on suitable range in Western Maryland and the Eastern Shore. In addition, the Department leased many other areas which are managed under the Maryland Cooperative Farm Game Program.

In all sections of Maryland, the Department has especially emphasized habitat improvement on private and public lands for the purpose of increasing wildlife populations. In cooperation with the Department of Forests and Parks, it manages wildlife populations on more than 100,000 acres of State Forests.

The Commission owns and operates a fresh water fish hatchery for trout at Beaver Creek in Washington County. It also owns and operates trout rearing stations at Bear Creek, Garrett County. A warm water fish rearing station is located and operated near Elkton, in Cecil County. Approximately 100 major surface water areas, containing more than five acres each, have been stocked with warm and cold water species and over 100 streams received quotas of commercially purchased or State-hatchery reared fish annually.

The Department rears over 100,000 (30,000 lbs.) adult trout (brook, brown, and rainbow) each year and 75,000 fingerlings. To supplement this fish rearing and stocking program, the Department each year purchased over 15,000 adult largemouth bass, great northern pike, chain pickerel, walleyes and miscellaneous others for release into our warm waters for public fishing.

Appropriations—1965

	<i>Special Funds</i>	<i>Federal Funds</i>	<i>Total</i>
Administration	\$ 162,805	\$ 162,805
Public Relations	46,294	46,294
Law Enforcement	406,663	406,663
Game Management	349,321	\$ 28,344	377,665
Inland Fish Management	217,309	55,222	272,531
Law Enforcement—Boating Act.....	33,326	33,326
Land and Development	64,775	195,718	260,493
Totals.....	\$1,280,493	\$ 279,284	\$1,559,777