

usage purposes. Essentially this is an issue to be decided not on the basis of opinion, sentiment, or special interest considerations. The prime factor is the development of a high quality, dependable source of water supply for the seat of our nation's government together with its attendant housing development, industries and commerce. This should not preclude, of course, consideration of the other factors but they should be kept in the proper perspective with regard to the overall needs of the area.

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ASSOCIATION OF GAME AND INLAND FISH COMMISSIONERS

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It is a pleasure to me to welcome all of you to Maryland for this thirteenth annual convention of the Southeastern Association of Game and Fish Commissioners. We are happy that you chose Baltimore for this 1959 meeting.

Our State has been called the southernmost of the northern states and the northernmost of the southern states. But its culture is dominantly southern and most of us here think of ourselves as southerners.

You are interested in hunting and fishing and in the preservation of wildlife, and so are we here in Maryland. I don't believe there is any spot in the country where you will find more eager hunters and more avid fishermen than you find right here.

We are very fortunate here, too, that nature has endowed us with a reasonable abundance of game and fish for the sportsmen. Mr. Ernest Vaughn, the director of our Department of Game and Inland Fish whom you have honored by electing as the president of your Association, advises me that last year 4,596 deer were killed in Maryland. That is a pretty good record for a small state.

For waterfowl, we are one of the foremost states on the Atlantic flyway, with a plentiful supply each year of Canada geese, and canvasback, redhead and black ducks. Normally, our Tidewater terrain is the most important wintering ground for migratory birds.

Our farms and forests are an excellent habitat, too, for upland game — rabbits, squirrels, quail, pheasants, raccoon and grouse. In