

In Washington County, at Cushwa Springs, it has a rearing station for trout, also. At this station a new pond seven hundred feet long has just been completed, which will increase the capacity to about twenty thousand fish.

At Bear Creek, in Garrett County, the Department has completed a new trout hatchery in the last two years. This hatchery is a very fine one and has a liberal supply of cold mountain water.

Also under the supervision of the Conservation Department is Deep Creek Lake, located in Garrett County, about eight miles from Oakland. This lake is about twelve miles long and is fed by a dozen cold mountain streams. On May 2nd of this year brook trout measuring twenty-seven inches in length, and weighing five and three-quarter pounds, was taken from this lake.

On the Eastern Shore, the Department has a bass hatchery located at Fairlee Lake, Kent County. This bass hatchery is apparently a new one and last year produced several hundred thousand bass and crappie.

The Susquehanna Pool, which was established after the completion of the Conowingo Dam, is under the supervision of the States of Pennsylvania and Maryland. Both States have placed many millions of fish in these waters and it will soon offer the anglers excellent sport.

MARYLAND PATROL FLEET

In order to patrol 2,300 square miles of water, and carry out the fishery laws, it is necessary to have a fleet of boats to work on patrol duty. In other words, the Department has nineteen local boats, being a station with so many miles of patrol work allotted to each district.

The Department is also provided with the police steamer "Governor R. M. McLane" which has been the flag-ship of the fleet, and covers the entire waters of the State.

In April, 1931, Mrs. Alice du Pont of Delaware, widow of the late Senator T. Coleman du Pont, presented to the State of Maryland, through the Conservation Department, the steamer yacht "Tech". Governor Albert C. Ritchie accepted the steamer for the State of Maryland.

This steamer will supersede the "Governor McLane" as flag-ship of the fleet. She is modern in her equipment, and a very fine type of vessel, 130 feet in length and equipped with triple expansion engines.

It is likely that the steamer "Governor McLane" will be sold and the funds will be utilized for the purchase of some fast modern patrol boats in order to more effectively enforce the fishery laws of the State.

GAME

The State Game Division enforces all game and fresh water fish laws through the Deputy Game Warden forces who are compensated from receipts from the sale of hunting licenses, which are credited to the State Game Protection Fund and used for the protection and propagation of game.

The Division is self-sustaining and there is no appropriation made from the General Treasury of Maryland, nor is the Department supported by the taxpayers, except the monies that are received from such taxpayers as purchase hunters' licenses.

The Division has purchased thru funds from the aforementioned sources, 5,246 acres and have under lease 34,763 acres, making a total of 40,009 acres of land used for game refuges which are located in practically every county of the State, including the Gwynnbrook State Game Farm No. 1, comprising 290 acres, located in Baltimore County at Gwynnbrook, and the Wicomico County State Game Farm No. 2, comprising 17 acres, located at Salisbury in Wicomico County. At these plants, bob-white quail are propagated thru electrical incubators and brooders.