

## Salt Water Fisheries

1932 was an unusually good year for the salt water fishermen in Chesapeake Bay, both for those engaged in taking fish in a commercial way by nets, and for those who resort to the Bay and its tributaries for sport. Fish were plentiful in every section, especially the blue fish, or tailor, which from early in the season until frost were found in great abundance. The spring output of the commercial fish hatcheries maintained by the State showed an increase in both white perch and shad, the former amounting to 128,320,000 and the latter 8,712,400 fry liberated in the State waters.

Sport fishing in the Chesapeake is becoming more popular each year. The Deputy Commanders of the Maryland Patrol Fleet, acting under instructions from the Department and taking in the major fishing resorts of the Bay, recorded during one week in August the number of persons engaged in fishing in their several districts. The total figures showed that 2,621 trips were made during the week and 16,805 persons engaged in the sport. At an average of \$8 a boat trip, it was estimated that the watermen who hired their boats received \$20,968. It was also calculated that half of these pleasure seekers remained at boarding houses and hotels in the vicinity of the fishing grounds for approximately two days, spending in the neighborhood of \$5 a day, which meant that they put \$83,195 in circulation for that item alone. It can readily be seen that these sportsmen materially help the tidewater sections of the State during the summer season.

## Deputy Commanders

Dist.	Name.	Address	Vessel
	A. S. Creighton.....	Cambridge.....	Steamers Du Pont and McLane
1st—	G. F. Akers.....	Rock Hall.....	Power Boat Murray
	G. T. Whaland.....	Rock Hall.....	Chester River Boat*
2nd—	James G. Ruth.....	Grasonville.....	Power Boat Talbot
3rd—	G. O. Haddaway.....	Wittman.....	Power Boat Dorchester
	W. J. Haddaway.....	Neavitt.....	Power Boat Queen Anne
	Anderton Hubbard.....	Oxford.....	Tred Avon River Boat*
	C. A. Bromwell.....	Madison.....	Power Boat Calvert
	Robert J. Parks.....	Crocheron.....	Power Boat St. Mary's
	D. C. Kinnamon.....	Cambridge.....	Power Boat Choptank
4th—	E. A. Taylor.....	Bivalve.....	Power Boat Nanticoke
	D. B. Shores.....	Dames Quarter.....	Wicomico River Boat
5th—	A. S. Bozman.....	Champ.....	Power Boat Somerset
	Geo. T. Taylor.....	Marion Station.....	Pocomoke Sound Boat
6th—	Wm. H. Sanders.....	Annapolis.....	Schooner May Brown
	E. N. Dixon.....	Galesville.....	Power Boat Folly
	J. O. Rodgers.....	Churchton.....	Power Boat Herring Bay
7th—	L. F. Miles.....	Pearson.....	Power Boat Patuxent
	T. M. Wise.....	Bushwood.....	Power Boat Kent
	A. P. Cullison.....	Ridge.....	Power Boat Wicomico
	E. J. Plowden.....	Bushwood.....	Power Boat Potomac

\*Hired for season only.