

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

District No. 1:

Robert S. Harrison.....Sherwood, Talbot County

District No. 2:

John T. Handy.....Crisfield, Somerset County

District No. 3:

Herman A. Woodfield.....Galesville, Anne Arundel County

The Governor appoints the Conservation Commissioner for a term of four years from the first Monday in May (Ch. 29, 1922), and the members of the Advisory Committee for a term of four years from June 1 (Ch. 369, 1927).

 CONSERVATION

The Conservation Department succeeded the Conservation Commission of Maryland, which was organized in 1915, when the Legislature consolidated the various commissions and boards which dealt with the administration of the natural resources of the State. At that time, there were in existence the Maryland Shell Fish Commission, the State Game Warden, the State Fishery Force and the Board of Fish Commissioners, each of which had some integral part of the above resources under its supervision. The Conservation Commission, when first appointed, was composed of three members, but in 1922 it was reduced to a one-man commission.

The Commissioner has as his staff:

1. A State Game Warden, who has charge of the State Game Division, composed of District Deputy Game Wardens in each County of the State and Baltimore City, whose duties are the enforcement of the game, fish and other Conservation laws, which come under their notice.
2. A Hydrographic Engineer, whose duty is to survey the ground leased for private oyster planting.
3. A Commander of the State Fishery Force, which office has been consolidated with that of the Commissioner.

Chesapeake Biological Laboratory

During the latter part of 1931, the Chesapeake Biological Laboratory, which was erected on a site overlooking the Patuxent River and Chesapeake Bay on Solomon's Island, was completed. This laboratory, which was formally opened in June, 1932, will afford a wild life research and study center, where facts tending toward a fuller appreciation of nature may be gathered and disseminated. Formal class work in biological subjects will be developed, and independent investigation of marine life is to be fostered. The following universities and colleges are taking part in each season's work: Johns Hopkins University, the University of Maryland, St. John's College, Washington College and Goucher College, and courses offered include. Invertebrate Zoology, Economic Zoology, Protozoology, Embryology, Animal Ecology, Paleontology and Zoology Problems.