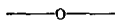


Through cooperating institutions and independent research workers, who are supplied working space and equipment, the Laboratory is developing an extensive volume of basic knowledge about the biological conditions of the State. This work involves, in addition to stream and river, deep water investigations, trips on the open ocean from whence come many of the State's commercial fishes, and basic work on hydrography.



## MARYLAND STATE GAME AND INLAND FISH COMMISSION

### Game and Fresh Water Fish Munsey Building, Baltimore

Chapter 354, Acts of 1939, changed the name of the State Game Department, which was created by Chapter 293, Acts of 1896, to the Maryland State Game and Inland Fish Commission, composed of five commissioners (non-salaried) to act in an advisory capacity to the State Game Warden.

This Department of the State acts as an agency for the enforcement of game and fresh water fish laws, and the propagation of game and fresh water fish in captivity, and said Department is supported entirely through receipts from the sale of hunters' and anglers' licenses, which receipts are credited to the State Game Protection Fund. The General Treasury does not appropriate a single penny to the support of this Department.

The original State Game Department was consolidated with the Conservation Commission by Chapter 682, Acts of 1916, when said Commission was created. Prior to 1916 the General Assembly appropriated \$2600.00 every two years for the support and maintenance of the State Game Warden. With only one salaried officer, namely, the State Game Warden, it was impossible for him, no matter how ambitious he may have been, to make a scratch on the surface in the enforcement of the game and fish laws, and of course no funds were provided for the propagation of game or the restocking of our covers.

The hunters' license system was created by Chapter 468, Acts of 1918, which requires those who enjoy the great outdoors to contribute to a fund for the support of the Department, and until this law was enacted the Department was one by name only and not by action due to the lack of finances.

Through the hunters' license system, the Department has a salaried staff of law enforcement officers numbering 26 and through the cooperation of an interested public have about 500 non-salaried Deputy Game Wardens.

The anglers' license was created by Chapter 471, Acts of 1929 and through this system the Fresh Water Fisheries Division has been greatly benefited.

The Department has in operation two State-owned game farms, namely, the Gwynnbrook State Game Farm in Baltimore County, and the Wicomico State Game Farm in Wicomico County. At these plants large numbers of bob-white, pheasants, chukor partridges, wild ducks, wild geese and Virginia white tail deer are raised in captivity and liberated annually in the covers of this State.

We also operate a propagation plant at the Montgomery County Game Refuge where bob-white and pheasants are raised, and at the Washington County Game Refuge where wild turkeys are raised.

The Department owns 5,301 acres purchased from hunters' license