

Chapter 354, Acts of 1939, provided that the Fresh Water Fisheries should be transferred June 1, 1939, from the Conservation Commission of Maryland to the State Game and Inland Fish Commission for supervision. This is the first time in the history of the State that game and fresh water fish have been under the supervision of the Game Department.

The Department now owns and operates an extensive fresh water fish hatchery at Lewistown, Frederick County, Maryland, where trout and black bass are propagated in captivity; also owns and operates a trout nursery at Bear Creek in Garrett County; a black bass nursery at Fairlee Station in Kent County; and in addition operates rearing stations at Cushwa Station, in Washington County and at the Ritchie pools in Frederick County.

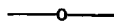
The total assets, without liabilities, of the Department as of June 1, 1940, was \$154,568.69 and \$163,057.35 as of June 1, 1941. These assets have been built up through the hunters' license system, as on June 1, 1916, there was to the credit of the Department \$511.00.

The Fresh Water Fish Division has been practically built up since the enactment of legislation in 1929 creating the Anglers' License System, and on June 1, 1940, the total assets, without liabilities, was \$76,896.20 and \$63,805.03 as of June 1, 1941, or a total figure as of June 1, 1941 of \$226,862.38.

At the meeting of the Maryland State Game and Inland Fish Commission held on July 25, 1939, the Honorable Garner W. Denmead was elected Chairman. Mr. Harold Smith Kolmer, who has been Secretary of the State Game Department since February 1, 1919, was elected Secretary.

Prior to 1939 the law provided it to be unlawful to hunt any game of any kind by means of any gun carrying more than three shells at any one loading. The Acts of 1939 eliminated the rifle from said requirements.

The wild waterfowl season is controlled entirely by Federal regulations.



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