

salaried staff of law enforcement officers, consisting of a State Game Warden, a Chief Deputy Game Warden, 2 Wildlife Technicians (Biologist-Technician), 6 Regional Deputy Game Wardens, 30 District Deputy Game Wardens, and 4 Game Breeders.

The angler's license was created by Chapter 471, Acts of 1929.

As of June 30, 1944, the Department owned seventeen Game Farms and Refuges totaling 10,675½ acres. It had under lease 65 Game Refuges aggregating 21,230 acres, and on property owned by the State Forestry Department it had 6,093 acres used as game refuges.

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-whites, pheasants, chukar partridges, wild ducks, wild geese, and Virginia white-tail deer are raised in captivity and liberated annually in the covers of this state.

The Department also operates propagation plants at the Montgomery County Game Refuge where bob-whites, pheasants, and wild ducks are raised, and at the Washington County Game Refuge where wild turkeys are raised.

During the fiscal year of 1940 the Department purchased the Indian Spring Wildlife Demonstration Area located near Indian Spring, Washington County, Maryland, comprising 1,265 acres and in co-operation with the Soil Conservation Service is establishing on said area a wildlife demonstration project. Two large signs have been erected on Route 40 calling the public's attention to this area and extending to them a welcome to visit same.

In addition to the Indian Spring Wildlife Demonstration Area, the Department has five other properties on which wildlife demonstration areas have been established; the Idylwild Wildlife Demonstration Area, Federalsburg, Caroline County, containing 520 3/10 acres; the Millington Wildlife Demonstration Area, Millington, Kent County, containing 561½ acres; the Girdletree Wildlife Demonstration area, near Girdletree, Worcester County, containing 550 acres; the Wellington Wildlife Demonstration Area, Princess Anne, Somerset County, containing 380 acres, and the LeCompte Bryant Fox Squirrel Demonstration Area, near Vienna, Dorchester County, containing 479 acres.

The Commission, in January, 1940, appointed an Advisory Council in each county of this State. These Councils are composed of twelve members, not less than five of whom must be landowners, or tenants on farms, five from outdoor groups such as Farm Bureau, Farm Grange, etc., and two at large.

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.

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, and in addition operates rearing stations at Cushwa in Washington County, and at the Ritchie pools in Frederick County.

The wild waterfowl season is controlled entirely by Federal Regulations.