

Appointed by Governor:

G. Ellsworth Leary, 1948; George S. Miles, 1949; M. E. Towner, 1950; Norman E. Carr, 1951; Nelson R. Coulbourn, 1952; Isaiah Howman, 1953.

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While Maryland has long been interested in the conservation of her natural resources, having created a Fisheries Commission so long ago as 1876, there had been little attempt to coordinate the various conservation problems until 1941. The creation of the Board of Natural Resources in that year brought together nine independent agencies into five associated departments. These departments are: the Department of Tidewater Fisheries, the Department of Game and Inland Fish, the Department of State Forests and Parks, the Department of Geology, Mines, and Water Resources, and the Department of Research and Education (Code 1947 Supp. Art. 19A, secs. 1-4). The original Act provided that the Board of Natural Resources be composed of the Chairman of the Commission of Tidewater Fisheries, who is also by law designated as Chairman of the Board, the administrative heads of the other four departments, as well as six members appointed by the Governor as follows: two from the Eastern Shore, two from the Western Shore, and two from the State-at-large. A subsequent Act authorized the Governor to appoint two additional members from the State-at-large (Ch. 498, Acts 1947). The terms of the appointive members are for a period of five years and are staggered. The Board thus contains a nucleus of permanent professional members and a group of laymen chosen for their interest in conservation problems. The Board is directed to integrate and to correlate the activities of the five departments and to report annually on their activities and accomplishments. The Board also has final approval powers over all regulations promulgated by the Commission of Tidewater Fisheries in regard to the crab fisheries (Code 1947 Supp. Art. 39, sec. 110B).

Publications: *Annual Reports of the Board of Natural Resources*, 1946.

Six Year Conservation Program, Annapolis, 1946.

	1948	1949
Appropriations	\$8,412	\$8,489
Staff: 2.		

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DEPARTMENT OF TIDEWATER FISHERIES

The Commission:

Chairman: John E. Clark, 1953

Allan A. Sollers, 1951; George T. Harrison, 1949.

David H. Wallace, Director

John C. Widener, Engineer

J. R. E. Turpin, Seafood Auditor

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The appointment of an Oyster Commission in 1884 and its subsequent report was the beginning of the State's concern with tidewater