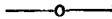


of Tidewater Fisheries and the Directors of each of the four remaining Departments. Eight appointive members hold office for five-year terms and are designated by the Governor as follows: two from the tidewater counties of the Eastern Shore, two from the tidewater counties of the western shore and four from the State-at-large. The Chairman of the Commission of Tidewater Fisheries is designated by law as the Chairman of the Board, and since the former office is appointive, he is, for all practical purposes, also an appointive member. The Board is, therefore, composed of four professional ex-officio members who are Directors of Departments under Merit System rules of tenure and who, therefore, form its permanent nucleus; the remaining nine members, including the Chairman, are appointed by the Governor. The members of the Board receive no salary for their services. The Board was created to formulate broad general policies on conservation. It is directed to publish an annual report covering the activities of the five conservation Departments and is authorized to approve or disapprove certain regulations pertaining to the crab fishery (Code 1947 Supp., Art. 39, sec. 110B).

Expenditures, 1949	\$11,061.99
Appropriation, 1950	11,533.00
Staff: 2.	



DEPARTMENT OF TIDEWATER FISHERIES

The Commission:

Chairman: David H. Wallace, 1955

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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 fisheries. In 1907, a more permanent agency was created to deal with this problem; it was known as the Shellfish Commission. The duties of this commission were assumed by the Conservation Commission in 1916 and its successor, the Conservation Department, founded in 1922. However, the scope of these two agencies included not only tidewater fish, but also game and inland fish. The Commission of Tidewater Fisheries and its affiliated Department were created in 1941 as part of the Board of Natural Resources. The Chairman of the Commission and the two associate members are appointed by the Governor for a term of six years with overlapping tenure of office. The Commission formulates the basic policy which is administered by the Department of Tidewater Fisheries. The Commission also has power to make regulations governing the Crab Fisheries and to enter into compact with the State of Virginia in this regard, subject to review and approval by the Board of Natural Resources. The Department is administering a three-part program for the conservation