

Region VI: Dorchester, Somerset, Wicomico and Worcester Counties  
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The Department of Game and Inland Fish is associated with the Board of Natural Resources. The present Department, established in 1943, superseded the Game and Inland Fish Commission and the game and inland fish functions of the Conservation Department. The Department of Game and Inland Fish is under the direction of a commission of five members appointed by the Governor from the several geographical regions of the State. The term of each member is five years, one term expiring each year. The Commission elects a chairman and a vice-chairman from its membership, and appoints the Director of the Department. The Commission has the power to promulgate such rules and regulations as it deems necessary for the conservation of the resources in its charge. Such rules may restrict, extend or enlarge the terms of the game and fresh water fish laws. The Department enforces the game and fresh water fish laws and such additional regulations as it enacts. It also receives the proceeds from the sale of angling and hunting licenses, these funds being used to finance the activities of the department (Code 1947, Art. 89, sec. 3-5).

As of June 30, 1949, the Department owned game farms and refuges totaling 22,226 acres. It has under lease many other properties under the Maryland Game Cooperative Program. The State-owned game farms operated by the department are as follows: Gwynbrook State Game Farm in Baltimore County, Montgomery State Game Farm in Montgomery County, Washington State Game Farm in Washington County, and Wicomico State Game Farm in Wicomico County. At these plants bobwhites, chukar partridges, wild ducks, and wild turkeys are raised.

In April 1946 a State-wide cooperative farm-game project in cooperation with the Soil Conservation Service and other agencies was approved by the Fish and Wildlife Service and is now being carried on in all twenty-three counties of Maryland. Another land use practice in Maryland which has resulted in direct benefit to many species of wildlife is the development and maintenance of over 100,000 acres of State forest lands in cooperation with the Department of Forests and Parks.

In several sections of Maryland special emphasis has been placed on refuges giving protection to critically reduced species, particularly wild turkeys, wild waterfowl and squirrels.

The Commission now owns and operates a fresh water fish hatchery at Lewistown, Frederick County, where trout and black bass are propagated in captivity. It also owns and operates trout rearing stations at Bear Creek in Garrett County and Beaver Creek in Washington County.

	Expenditures 1949	Appropriation 1950
Angler's Fund .....	\$103,441.10	\$123,000.00
Game Fund .....	418,479.07	326,089.00
Federal Funds .....		64,944.00
Total .....	\$521,920.17	\$514,033.00

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