

BOARD OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Chairman: Arthur H. Brice, Chairman, Commission of Tidewater Fisheries

Ex-officio Members:

Ernest A. Vaughn, Director, Department of Game and Inland Fish

Joseph T. Singewald, Jr., Director, Department of Geology, Mines and Water Resources

Joseph F. Kaylor, Director, Department of Forests and Parks

R. V. Truitt, Director, Department of Research and Education

Appointed by Governor:

Nelson Colbourn, 1952; B. C. F. Mulieri, 1952; George S. Miles, 1953; John M. Nelson, Jr., 1953; Lester N. Towner, 1954; Allen Heller, 1955; Maurice T. Lusby, 1955; Philip R. Winebrenner, 1955.

William H. Bayliff, Executive Secretary

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In December 1940 the natural resources of Maryland were administered by nine separate conservation agencies. The General Assembly of 1941 consolidated these nine agencies into five equal Departments (Code 1947 Supp., Art. 19A, secs. 5-12G), namely, Department of Tidewater Fisheries, Department of Game and Inland Fish, Department of Forests and Parks, Department of Geology, Mines and Water Resources, Department of Research and Education. The Bureau of Mines, formerly attached to the Department of Labor and Industry, was placed under the Department of Geology, Mines and Water Resources.

The same act which established these five Departments also created the Board of Natural Resources to coordinate and integrate the activities of these Departments (Code 1947 Supp., Art. 19A, secs. 1-4). The Board is composed of five ex-officio and eight appointive members. The ex-officio members are the Chairman of the Commission of Tidewater Fisheries and the Directors of each of the four remaining Departments. Eight appointive members hold office for four-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, 1950	\$12,772.82
Appropriation, 1951	14,285.00
Staff: 3.	