

DEPARTMENT OF RESEARCH AND EDUCATION

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The Department of Research and Education was created in 1941 to function as a fact gathering and fact disseminating agency in the promotion of conservation work in Maryland, and to carry on the work of the State Weather Service. Supervision of the Department is vested in a Commission of Research and Education, consisting of five members appointed by the Governor from among the citizens of the State, each of whom must have either special training in or experience with natural resources. The members are appointed for terms of five years with overlapping tenure of office. The members of the Commission select their Chairman and appoint the Director of the Department and such staff members as may be necessary (Code 1951, Art. 66C, secs. 18-21).

The Department maintains four major programs—research, education, hatcheries, and the State Weather Service. The center for the research and the educational program is at Solomons Island, the Chesapeake Biological Laboratory. The research program is concerned primarily with the applied aspects of conservation. Biological and economic problems, including hydrography and pollution, dealing with the more prominent fisheries have been emphasized. A periodical, research reports and educational pamphlets are issued. Emphasis in education is on the school and college level. Lectures and demonstrations are provided for adults through clubs and other agencies. Courses are held at the Chesapeake Biological Laboratory for graduate students, teachers, school administrators and conservation law enforcement officers. Hatcheries for commercial fishes, the yellow perch and the shad, are provided at Severn Run and on the Potomac River. Fry are provided for all major tributaries and streams in the State. The State Weather Service is a joint project of the Federal and State governments. It provides pertinent and useful information to the general public, especially to the farmers and to air and water transportation interests. Headquarters for the Service are at Friendship International Airport.

Appropriations	1953	1954
General Fund	\$160,731	\$158,806
Special Fund	2,000	2,000
Total	\$162,731	\$160,806

Staff: 21.