

activities of these departments (Code 1951, Art. 66C, secs. 1-5). 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; to maintain the boundaries of the State (Art. 66C, secs. 31-32); to administer certain mineral resources under the Chesapeake Bay (Art. 66C, secs. 22-30); to administer artificial islands in Sinepuxent Bay (Art. 66C, sec. 33); and to approve or disapprove of certain fishery regulations (Art. 66C, secs. 289 and 326).

Appropriations	1955	1956
General Fund .....	\$16,348	\$17,113
Staff: 3.		

DEPARTMENT OF TIDEWATER FISHERIES

The Commission

- Chairman: John P. Tawes, 1961
- Fred P. Glose, 1959; *Vacancy*: 1957
- Dorothy W. Eaton, Secretary
- Robert Lee Shores, Chief Fisheries Inspector
- Homer C. Ringgold, Assistant to Chairman
- John C. Widener, Engineer
- William E. Muir, Seafood Auditor
- Ralph C. Hammer, Shellfish Culturist
- Vacancy*: Training and Public Relations
- E. R. Leitner, Accountant
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The Department of Tidewater Fisheries was established in 1941 as an affiliated department of the Board of Natural Resources. The department is the successor of the tidewater fisheries functions of the former Conservation Department. The Department is headed by a commission consisting of a Chairman and two associate members appointed by the Governor for terms 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 of the fisheries. The first is concerned with "farming" for the purpose of conserving and increasing the oyster. The second is a fish management program which limits the number