

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 1951, Art. 66C, secs. 113-115).

As of June 1954, the Department owned game farms and refuges totaling 32,000 acres. It has leased many other areas which are managed under the Maryland Cooperative Game 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, Wicomico State Game Farm in Wicomico County, and Belle Grove State Game Farm in Allegany County. At these farms bobwhites, wild ducks, and wild turkeys are propagated.

In all sections of Maryland special emphasis has been placed on habitat improvement on private and public lands for the purpose of increasing wildlife populations. Over 100,000 acres of State forests are managed for wildlife in cooperation with the Department of Forests and Parks.

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

Ninety (90) major surface water areas containing more than five (5) acres each have been stocked with warm or cold water fish species and over one hundred (100) streams receive quotas of commercially purchased or State hatchery reared fish during the year.

The Inland Fish Division raises nearly 100,000 (30,000 lbs.) adult Trout each year and 75,000 fingerlings. Approximately 25,000 fingerling Small Mouth Bass, together with fingerling Large Mouth Bass and Bluegills, are also raised for over 200 farm ponds annually.

Supplementing this State program is the purchase of adult Large Mouth Bass, Crappie, Walleyes and Bluegills which total some 50,000 adults going into our warm waters as brood fish and "put and takers" relieving the pressure of resident and non-resident fishermen, particularly in the Appalachian, Piedmont and Coastal Plain Regions.

Appropriations—1955

	Special Fund	Federal Fund	Total
Administration .....	\$ 96,139	\$ .....	\$ 96,139
Public Relations .....	23,547	.....	23,547
Law Enforcement .....	282,835	.....	282,835
Game Management .....	186,803	75,750	262,553
Inland Fish Management .....	172,084	33,450	205,534
<b>Totals .....</b>	<b>\$761,408</b>	<b>\$109,200</b>	<b>\$870,608</b>

Appropriations—1956

Administration .....	\$ 95,443	\$ .....	\$ 95,443
Public Relations .....	22,215	.....	22,215
Law Enforcement .....	286,852	.....	286,852
Game Management .....	182,685	81,000	263,685
Inland Fish Management .....	155,009	39,000	194,009
<b>Totals .....</b>	<b>\$742,204</b>	<b>\$120,000</b>	<b>\$862,204</b>

Staff: 77.