

Geology, Mines and Water Resources; Joseph F. Kaylor, Director, Department of Forests and Parks; L. Eugene Cronin, Director, Department of Research and Education.

Appointed by Governor:

Lester N. Towner, 1958; D. Raymond Snively, 1959; Maurice T. Lusby, Jr., 1959; Charles S. Dell, Sr., 1960; George W. Todd, 1960; John M. Nelson, Jr., 1961.

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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 1951, Art. 66C, secs. 8-21), namely, Department of Tidewater Fisheries, Department of Game and Inland Fish, Department of Forests and Parks, Department of Geology, Mines, and Water Resources, and Department of Research and Education. The Bureau of Mines, formerly attached to the Department of Labor and Statistics, was placed under the Department of Geology, Mines, and Water Resources.

The same Act also created the Board of Natural Resources to coordinate and integrate the activities of these departments (Code 1951, Art. 66C, secs. 1-5). The Board is composed of eight appointive and five ex officio members. The 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 ex officio members are the Chairman of the Commission of Tidewater Fisheries and the directors of each of the four remaining departments. The Chairman of the Commission of Tidewater Fisheries is appointed by the Governor and is designated by law as the Chairman of the Board. Therefore, for all practical purposes, nine Board members, including the Chairman, are temporary and are appointed by the Governor. The remaining four are permanent directors of departments holding office under merit system tenure. The Board was created to formulate broad general policies on conservation. It publishes an annual report covering the activities of the five conservation departments; maintains the boundaries of the State (Art. 66C, secs. 31-32); administers certain mineral resources under the Chesapeake Bay (Art. 66C, secs. 22-30); administers artificial islands in Sinepuxent Bay (Art. 66C, sec. 33); and approves or disapproves certain fishery regulations (Art. 66C, secs. 289 and 326).

Appropriations	1957	1958
General Funds	\$17,829	\$19,267
Staff: 3		

DEPARTMENT OF TIDEWATER FISHERIES

The Commission

Chairman: John P. Tawes, 1961
 Fred P. Glose, 1959; John R. Jewell, 1963
 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