

motion of traffic safety. In cooperation with the Department of State Police, the Commission releases monthly reports of traffic accidents and fatalities in the State (Code 1957, secs. 229-30).

Appropriations	1959	1960
Special Funds	\$84,785	\$84,785
Staff: 8.		

Conservation of Natural Resources

BOARD OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Acting Chairman: Dr. Harry C. Byrd, Acting Director,
Department of Tidewater Fisheries

Ex officio members: L. Eugene Cronin, Director, Department of Research and Education; Joseph F. Kaylor, Director, Department of Forests and Parks; Paul W. McKee, Director, Water Pollution Control Commission; Joseph T. Singewald, Jr., Director, Department of Geology, Mines, and Water Resources; Ernest A. Vaughn, Director, Department of Game and Inland Fish.

Appointed members: Donald W. Pritchard, Ph.D., 1960; George W. Todd, 1960; Richard H. Collins, 1961; Edward R. Grimes, 1961; Ronald Bamford Ph.D., 1962; Lester N. Towner, 1962; David Hume, 1963; Myron L. Bloom, 1963.
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The General Assembly in 1941 (Code 1957, Art. 66C, secs. 6-21) consolidated nine independent conservation agencies into five equal departments, namely, the Department of Tidewater Fisheries, the Department of Game and Inland Fish, the Department of Forests and Parks, the Department of Geology, Mines and Water Resources, and the Department of Research and Education. The same Act created the Board of Natural Resources to coordinate and integrate the activities of these five departments (Code 1957, Art. 66C, secs. 1-5). In 1959, the Water Pollution Control Commission became the sixth agency associated with the Board of Natural Resources (Acts 1959, chap. 695).

The Board is composed of eight appointed and six ex officio members. The appointed members hold office for four-year terms and are designated by the Governor as follows: two from the tidewater counties of the Western Shore, two from the tidewater counties of the Eastern Shore, and four from the State at-large. The ex officio members are the directors of the six agencies associated with the Board. The Director of the Department of Tidewater Fisheries is designated by law as the Chairman of the Board.

The Board was created to formulate general policies on conservation (Code 1957, Art. 66C, sec. 3). It publishes an annual report covering the activities of the six agencies represented on the Board; maintains the boundaries of the State (Code 1957, Art. 66C, secs. 31-32); administers certain mineral resources under the Chesapeake Bay (Code 1957, Art. 66C, secs. 22-30); administers artificial islands in Sinepuxent Bay (Code 1957, Art. 66C, sec. 33); and approves or disapproves of certain fishery regulations (Code 1957, Art. 66C, secs. 294, 329).

Appropriations	1959	1960
General Funds	\$19,508	\$20,070
Staff: 3.		