

program. In 1874, the Legislature created a new agency, the Commissioners of Fisheries. This Commission undertook the first positive efforts to develop the fisheries.

In the early twentieth century, oyster production declined to such an extent that in 1906 the Haman Act provided for a complete survey of the bottoms of the bay and its tributaries. This survey, completed in 1912, is the basis of present-day Acts.

The Legislatures of 1960 and 1961 passed bills extending the authority of the Department in several directions. By Chapter 69, Acts of 1960, the Department became the administrative agency for the Boat Act, which governs the numbering of boats and safety regulations on the tidal waters of the State. By Chapter 825, Acts of 1961, the Department was empowered to grow large quantities of seed oysters, and to provide for a resurvey of the bottoms of the tide-waters of the State. This resurvey is now under way.

The Department of Tidewater Fisheries has a close relation with the Board of Natural Resources, which is composed of the heads of the various departments relating to the resources of the State and eight members appointed by the Governor. The present law provides that the Director of the Department of Tidewater Fisheries shall be Chairman of this Board (Code 1957, Art. 66C).

Appropriations	1963	1964
General Funds .....	\$2,342,316	\$2,451,954
Special Funds .....	184,554	243,776
Federal Funds .....	10,500	10,500
Totals.....	\$2,537,370	\$2,706,230

Staff: 173.

## DEPARTMENT OF GAME AND INLAND FISH

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