

Appropriations	1967	1968
Special Funds .....	\$163,057	\$199,741
Staff: 9.		

## Conservation of Natural Resources

### BOARD OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Chairman: Roy E. Walsh, 1971

Vice Chairman: George M. Hampson, 1970

Ex officio and departmental members: Joseph H. Manning, Director, Department of Chesapeake Bay Affairs; George B. Shields, Director, Department of Game and Inland Fish; Spencer P. Ellis, Director, Department of Forests and Parks; Kenneth N. Weaver, Director, Maryland Geological Survey; Paul W. McKee, Director, Department of Water Resources; James B. Coulter, Assistant Commissioner, Environmental Health Services, State Department of Health; Gordon M. Cairns, Dean, College of Agriculture, University of Maryland; L. Eugene Cronin, Director, Natural Resources Institute, University of Maryland. Appointed members: Donald W. Pritchard, Director, Chesapeake Bay Institute, The Johns Hopkins University; Richard H. Collins, 1969; John T. Handy, Jr., 1969; William Aleck Loker, 1969; Joseph S. Devereux, Jr., 1970; James M. Beggs, 1971; Blagden H. Wharton, 1971.

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The Board of Natural Resources was originally created by Chapter 508, Acts of 1941. This Act combined ten independent natural resources agencies into five equal departments, each of which is administered by a Director. In order to coordinate the activities of these departments, the same Act created the Board of Natural Resources which consisted of the directors of these five departments and six members appointed by the Governor for six year overlapping terms. By Chapter 72, Acts of 1964 and Chapter 688, Acts of 1966, the General Assembly reorganized the Board and augmented and clarified its functions.

The present Board consists of nine appointed members, including the Chairman, eight members representing natural resources agencies, and representatives of each of three agencies advisory to the Board. The appointed members serve for four-year terms.

The Board is primarily a review board which is to study, evaluate and coordinate the activities of its member agencies; to review Federal and county natural resources programs and to recommend procedures for coordinating State, Federal, and county natural resources programs. The Board maintains a catalog of public land used for natural resources purposes and reviews and makes recommendations on all proposals for the acquisition of additional land for such purposes. The Board also maintains a natural resources library for the use of the Board and the member agencies. The Board publishes the *Maryland Conservationist* bi-monthly, as well as pamphlets, books, maps, and other educational materials on the natural resources of the State and an annual report covering the activities of the Board and its eight member agencies (Code 1957, 1967 Repl. Vol., Art. 66C, secs. 1-5).