

assistance from the United States Government, under the provisions of the Federal Aid in Fish and Wildlife Restoration Acts.

As of June 1967, the Department owned twenty-nine Wildlife Management Areas, totaling approximately 70,000 acres, and twenty-eight public fishing lakes and ponds, totaling approximately 230 surface areas. In addition, the Department leased many other areas which are managed under the Maryland Cooperative Wildlife Management Program, providing for small game and mourning dove hunting.

The Department has also initiated the program of reestablishing the wild turkey, involving the trapping and the subsequent release of suitable birds on the Eastern Shore and in Western Maryland.

In all sections of Maryland, the Department has especially emphasized habitat improvement on private and public lands for the purpose of increasing wildlife populations. In cooperation with the Department of Forests and Parks, it manages wildlife populations on more than 100,000 acres of State Forest lands.

The Commission owns and operates a fresh water fish hatchery for trout at Beaver Creek in Washington County. It also owns and operates trout rearing stations at Bear Creek, Garrett County. A warm water fish rearing station is located and operated near Elkton, in Cecil County. Approximately 100 major surface water areas, containing more than five acres each, have been stocked with warm and cold water species and over 100 streams received quotas of commercially purchased or State-hatchery reared fish annually.

The Department rears over 100,000 (30,000 lbs.) adult trout (brook, brown, and rainbow) each year and 50,000 fingerlings. In addition, over 50,000 adult trout and 150,000 fingerling trout were obtained from the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Approximately 2,000,000 walleye fry were also obtained for the Reservoir Management Program.

The Department has also initiated the basic inventories of all major game animals and bird species to guide future management decisions.

Appropriations—1967

	<i>Special Funds</i>	<i>Federal Funds</i>	<i>Total</i>
Administration	\$ 186,678	.....	\$ 186,678
Information & Extension	55,701	.....	55,701
Law Enforcement	469,838	.....	469,838
Game Management	435,097	\$ 27,765	462,862
Inland Fish Management.....	257,452	34,174	291,626
Law Enforcement—Boating Act.....	26,155	.....	26,155
Land and Development	144,216	159,552	303,768
Totals.....	\$1,575,137	\$ 221,491	\$1,796,628

Appropriations—1968

	<i>Special Funds</i>	<i>Federal Funds</i>	<i>Total</i>
Administration	\$ 217,609	.....	\$ 217,609
Information & Extension	64,290	.....	64,290
Law Enforcement	531,828	.....	531,828
Game Management	473,265	\$ 38,548	511,813
Inland Fish Management	258,346	31,888	290,234
Law Enforcement—Boating Act.....	24,640	.....	24,640
Land and Development	131,653	153,836	285,489
Totals.....	\$1,701,631	\$ 224,272	\$1,925,903

Staff: 160.