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The Department of Game and Inland Fish, established by Chapter 354, Acts of 1939, superseded the Conservation Department. The Department is associated with the Department of Natural Resources and is directed by a five-man Commission, four of whom are appointed by the Secretary of Natural Resources, one from each of the four regional wildlife administration areas of the State, and the fifth member appointed by the Secretary of Natural Resources, at large from a list of names submitted to him by interested organizations, including the Maryland Wildlife Federation, the Izaak Walton League and the Maryland Farm Bureau. No member may be appointed unless he has been a resident of the State for at least three years prior to his appointment, and he must be well-informed on the subject of wildlife conservation. The Department enforces the game and fresh water fish laws and such additional regulations as it enacts for the conservation of the resources in its charge. Such rules may restrict the terms of the game and fresh water fish laws (Code 1957, 1967 Repl. Vol., Art. 66C, secs. 14, 111-233).

The Department being a Special Fund Agency, receives its total operational funds from the sales of hunting and angling licenses, fines, sale of products from Department-owned lands, and nominal assistance from the United States Government, under the provisions of the Federal Aid in Fish and Wildlife Restoration Acts.

As of July 1969, the Department owned twenty-eight Wildlife Management Areas, totaling approximately 59,042 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 forest, marsh and farm game hunting. The Department continues to develop Wild Turkey hunting through trapping and transplanting wild birds and stocking State lands with farm-reared wild turkeys. Adequate laws and regulations, together with have increased, in particular, the deer and goose populations, effective enforcement, improved habitat of many species of wildlife,

Comprehensive study of our 320,000 acres of wetlands in Maryland has developed a wealth of electronic computer data which will produce reliable planning data for future management. A cooperative study of State forest and game lands concerned with multiple use is expected to assist in future environmental planning for the purpose of utilizing wildlife resources for recreational purposes. A step-up in