Service also manages, administers, and controls recreational use of cooperative wildlife areas and some State park areas.

The Natural Heritage Program identifies significant natural areas of the State and sets priorities for their protection. A continuously updated and computerized inventory describes all rare, threatened and endangered plants and animals, as well as unique and exemplary natural communities. The Program proposes a State listing of the threatened and endangered species and provides technical assistance to federal, State and local county agencies and educational institutions on matters concerning ecological resources in Maryland.

ADVISORY BOARDS

The Forest, Park, and Wildlife Service is aided by thirteen advisory boards:

Elk Neck State Park Board

Herrington Manor State Park Board

Martinak State Park Board

Patapsco Valley State Park Board

Point Lookout State Park Board

Rocky Gap State Park Board (Code Natural Resources Article, sec. 1-102(d)).

Susquehanna State Park Advisory Board

Monroe I. Duke, Chairperson

Willard Clark; Thomas W. Coudon; William Cox, Jr.; Leland S. DeVore; William Foreaker; E. Ralph Hostetter; William S. James; Sidney D. Kreider, M.D.; Richard Mackie; William B. Reese; Catherine I. Riley; James A. Seaman; James A. Thomas; Mrs. Frederick J. Viele; James T. Wollon, Jr.

Contact: Chris Burley Telephone: 939-0643 Appointed by the Governor (Code Natural Resources Article, sec. 1-102).

Forest and Park Advisory Commission

Chairperson: William H. Parker

Meredith M. Dale; John Davis; Sam Dyke; Walter Hoye; Leonard Hudson; Wes Johnson; F. Richard Malzone; J. Adam Plummer; Victor P. Skruck, Sr.; Arnold Williams; Joseph Yockus.

Appointed by the Governor (Code Natural Resources Article, sec. 1-102).

Captive Wildlife Advisory Committee

Brian Rutledge, Chairperson

Created in 1986, the Captive Wildlife Advisory Committee consists of seven members appointed by the Director of the Forest, Park and Wildlife Service (Chapter 805, Acts of 1986). The Committee advises the Director on proposed regulations and other matters relating to captive wildlife. Members serve three-year terms (Code Natural Resources Article, sec. 10–910).

Trapping Advisory Committee

Vacancy, Chairperson

Appointed by the Director of the Forest, Park and Wildlife Service, the Committee advises the Service on trapping matters (Code Natural Resources Article, sec. 1–102).

Waterfowl Advisory Committee

William S. James, Chairperson

Charles B. Allen; Lee A. Brohawn; Elbridge Newt Cropper; Alonzo G. Decker, Jr.; E. Hugh Galbreath; Ladd Johnson; Alfred S. Mattingly; Edward L. Middleton; Matthew C. Perry; J. Lee Potterfield; Ronald Webster; John Zouck.

The Waterfowl Advisory Committee was formerly the Duck Release Program Advisory Committee. Appointed by the Governor, the Committee works with the Service to develop a superior duck release program (Code Natural Resources Article, sec. 1–102).

Wildlife Advisory Commission

Chairperson: John W. Barton, 1988

Dianne Pearce, 1987; J. Allen Swan, 1987; Fife Symington, 1987; Charles Garner, 1988; Daniel Poole, 1988; Charles B. Allen, 1989; C. A. Porter Hopkins, 1989; Kenneth F. Thompson, 1989.

The Governor appoints the Commission which advises the Service and the Secretary of Natural Resources on wildlife matters. Members serve four-year terms (Code Natural Resources Article, sec. 1-102).