

improves the quality and extent of coastal decision-making information, and provides for a balance in the management of the State's coastal resources.

The Coastal Resources Division also encompasses six of the Chesapeake Bay Initiatives of 1984-1985. Assistance is provided to local governments to design and administer Non-Tidal Wetlands protection programs through the development of intensive training and education programs. The Submerged Aquatic Vegetation Initiative established a five-year planting effort to assess planting techniques, proper species of vegetation, and water quality and habitat improvement. Using marsh grass plantings, the Non-Structural Shore Erosion Control Program reduces erosion and sedimentation into the Bay and its tributaries (Chapter 324, Acts of 1985). The Monitoring and Data Management Program assesses trends in water quality, causes and effects of various water quality levels on living resources, and effectiveness of management decisions. It also provides a framework for directing applied research (Chapter 299, Acts of 1985). Data from this program and other data are stored in a Regional Data Center, a centrally located facility, jointly maintained with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. This office helps to coordinate the federal/interstate system and provides a computer data base for use by the Bay Restoration Program. Lastly, the Shoreline Improvement Loan Fund provides grants to local governments for projects to enhance the Chesapeake Bay shoreline (Chapter 789, Acts of 1984).

Other Coastal Resources Division responsibilities include Recreational Boating Education to enhance statewide boating opportunities, Public Access Planning, and a Public Participation Program which works to ensure public involvement in Maryland's Coastal Zone Management Program.

ADVISORY COMMITTEES

The Tidewater Administration is served by the following advisory committees:

Boat Act Advisory Committee

T. Marvin Stang, *Chairperson*

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(Code Natural Resources Article, secs. 8-701 through 8-727)

Advisory Committee for the Chesapeake Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve

Chairperson: Mark Bundy

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Formerly the Estuarine Sanctuary Management Committee, the Advisory Committee for the Chesapeake Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve was created in 1985. The Committee works to establish areas in estuary for research.

Clam Advisory Committee

Contact: W. Peter Jensen Telephone: 974-3558
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Coastal Resources Advisory Committee

David S. Maney, *Chairperson*
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(Code Natural Resources Article, sec. 1-102(d))

Statewide Oyster Dredgers Committee

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Statewide Oyster Tongers Committee

Chairperson: Rodney Gross

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Sport Fisheries Advisory Commission

Chairperson: Jack Barnhart, 1988

Charles E. Elliott, 1988; Paul C. Helm, 1988; Dr. James Gilford, 1989; Ronald A. Moser, 1989; Kenneth Wilson, 1989; C. Donald Auld, 1990; Kimberly A. Keene, 1990; Willis McQueen, Jr., 1990.

Appointed by the Secretary of Natural Resources, the Commission advises the Department on recreational fishing matters. The Commission consists of nine members appointed to four-year terms (Code Natural Resources Article, secs. 1-102, 4-204).

Tidal Fisheries Advisory Commission

Robert P. Eurice, *Chairperson*

C. Donald Auld; James Cantler; Charles F. Clark, Jr.; Russell Dize; Joseph E. Heim; Larry