

constructs ponds (primarily waterfowl habitat) and plants food and cover vegetation.

The Program develops and manages thirty-two State Wildlife Management Areas (public hunting areas). The Program also manages and administers recreational use of cooperative wildlife areas and some State park areas.

The 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 assistance to federal, State, and local county agencies and educational institutions concerning ecological resources in Maryland.

The Program is aided by five advisory bodies: Captive Wildlife Advisory Committee; Trapping Advisory Committee; Waterfowl Advisory Committee; Wildlife Advisory Commission; and Wild Turkey Advisory Committee.

CAPTIVE WILDLIFE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Chairperson: Brian Rutledge 974-3195

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

TRAPPING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Chairperson: Vacancy 974-3195

Appointed by the Assistant Secretary for Forest, Park and Wildlife, the Committee advises the Forest, Park and Wildlife Service on trapping matters (Code Natural Resources Article, sec. 1-102).

WATERFOWL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Chairperson: Charles B. Allen

Appointed by Governor: Lee A. Brohawn; Alonzo G. Decker, Jr.; John N. Fisher; E. Hugh Galbreath; William S. James; Ladd Johnson; Edward L. Middleton; Matthew C. Perry; Ronald Webster; J. D. Williams; John Zouck.

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The Waterfowl Advisory Committee was formerly the Duck Release Program Advisory Committee. Appointed by the Governor, the Committee works with the Forest, Park and Wildlife Service to develop an improved duck release program (Code Natural Resources Article, sec. 1-102).

WILDLIFE ADVISORY COMMISSION

Chairperson: John W. Barton, 1988

Appointed by Governor: Charles Garner, 1988; Daniel Poole, 1988; Charles B. Allen, 1989; C. A. Porter Hopkins, 1989; James Lighthizer, 1989; John Christopher Mitchell, 1991; J. Allen Swan, 1991; Fife Symington, 1991.

974-2330

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

WILD TURKEY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Chairperson: Dr. James Gilford 663-3966

Appointed by the Assistant Secretary for Forest, Park and Wildlife, the Committee was established in 1978 to advise the Forest, Park and Wildlife Service on managing the wild turkey population in the State (Code Natural Resources Article, sec. 1-102).

ADMINISTRATION

James E. Mallow, *Director* 974-3036

Administration provides direction, administrative support, and services to other programs of the Forest, Park and Wildlife Service. Administration is responsible for budget, personnel, purchasing, training, fleet management, radio communications, safety, equal opportunity, and public information functions. Administration also oversees physical plant management and special marketing and promotes the Maryland Heritage Program.

PLANNING AND PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

James Burtis, Jr., *Director* 974-3195

Created in 1988, the Planning and Program Development Division supports the major programs of the Forest, Park and Wildlife Service. These programs include forestry, wildlife, and land management. To support these programs, the Division drafts legislative proposals; conducts environmental reviews which focus on threatened or endangered species and critical wildlife habitats; and plans, with citizen participation, for the wise long-term use of resources. The Division also designates, protects, and manages unique natural land areas that include wildlands and natural heritage areas.