

TIDAL FISHERIES ADVISORY COMMISSION

Chairperson: Robert P. Eurice 974-3558

Appointed by Governor with advice of Secretary of Natural Resources: C. Donald Auld; James Cantler; Charles F. Clark, Jr.; Russell Dize; Joseph E. Heim; Larry MacKenzie; Francis J. Russell; Larry W. Simms; Edwin Smith III; Calvert Tolley; William Woodfield, Jr. *Terms expire 1988.*

(Code Natural Resources Article, secs. 1-102, 4-204).

COASTAL RESOURCES DIVISION

Jacob N. Lima, *Director* 974-2784

In 1973, the Governor designated the Department of Natural Resources to receive and administer federal grants pursuant to the federal Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972. By Executive Order in 1978, the Governor declared the Coastal Zone Management Program to be State policy for activities in Maryland's coastal areas.

The Coastal Resources Division administers the Coastal Zone Management Program with grants from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. The Program is based upon the laws, regulations, authorities, expertise, and perspectives of six State Departments (Agriculture, Health and Mental Hygiene, Housing and Community Development, Natural Resources, Budget and Fiscal Planning, and Transportation); sixteen coastal counties and Baltimore City; two regional planning agencies; and numerous federal agencies.

The Division coordinates the many Program participants, ensuring that all State and federal actions accord with the State's coastal resources policy. The Division offers technical and financial assistance to local governments and State agencies, 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 Division also encompasses six of the Chesapeake Bay Initiatives of 1984-1985. Local governments are assisted in designing and administering Non-Tidal Wetlands protection plans through training and education programs. The Submerged Aquatic Vegetation Initiative has 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, the causes and effects of water quality levels on living resources, and the effect of management decisions. It also serves as a framework for directing applied research

(Chapter 299, Acts of 1985). The Regional Data Center, a centrally located facility jointly maintained with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, houses data from this program. The Center helps coordinate the federal/interstate system and provides a computer data base for use by the Bay Restoration Program. Lastly, the Shoreline Improvement Loan Fund assigns grants to local governments for projects to enhance the Chesapeake Bay shoreline (Chapter 789, Acts of 1984).

Other Division responsibilities include Public Access Planning, and a Public Participation Program which works to ensure public involvement in Maryland's Coastal Zone Management Program.

The Division is aided by the Advisory Committee for the Chesapeake Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve and the Coastal Resources Advisory Committee.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR THE CHESAPEAKE BAY NATIONAL ESTUARINE RESEARCH RESERVE

Chairperson: Mark Bundy 974-3782
Contact: Randy Schneider

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

COASTAL RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Chairperson: Mary Dolan 396-4343
Contact: Helene Tenner 974-3382

Appointed by Secretary of Natural Resources (Code Natural Resources Article, sec. 1-102(d)).

CHESAPEAKE BAY RESEARCH AND MONITORING DIVISION

Dr. Michael F. Hirshfield, *Director* 974-2261

The Chesapeake Bay Research and Monitoring Division was created by the Department in 1988. The Division consolidates scientific programs of the Tidewater Administration in the areas of fisheries research, habitat impacts, acid deposition, topical power plant research, and the Oxford Laboratory. This consolidation reflects the importance of the Chesapeake Bay Program as a vehicle for producing long-term, far-reaching changes to protect and restore the Bay's living resources.

POWER PLANT AND ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW DIVISION

James M. Teitt, Ph.D., *Director* 974-2261

Created by the Department in 1988, the Power Plant and Environmental Review Division is responsible for the environmental reviews formerly carried out by the Fisheries Division, the Coastal