

Parks; the Department of Geology, Mines, and Water Resources; and the Department of Research and Education (Chapter 508, Acts of 1941). These agencies were consolidated to form the Department of Natural Resources in 1969 (Chapter 154, Acts of 1969).

Under the Secretary of Natural Resources, the Department has a deputy secretary and six assistant secretariats. There is one assistant secretary each for Administration, Public Lands, and Chesapeake Bay Programs. For Natural Resources, three assistant secretaries serve.

The Department is responsible for the Maryland membership units of the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission, Coastal States Organization, Interstate Mining Commission, Ohio River Basin Commission, Interstate Oil Compact Commission, Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin, Potomac River Basin Advisory Committee, Potomac River Fisheries Commission, Southern States Energy Board and the Susquehanna River Basin Commission (Code Natural Resources Article, secs. 1-101 through 1-104).

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

The Secretary of Natural Resources heads the Department. The Secretary is appointed by the Governor with Senate advice and consent.

Under the direct supervision of the Office of the Secretary are the following services: Chesapeake Bay Trust, Intergovernmental Relations, Public Affairs Office, and Upper Potomac River Commission.

UPPER POTOMAC RIVER COMMISSION

John J. McMullen, Jr., *Chairperson*, 1995

Appointed by Allegany County Board of County Commissioners: R. Neil Williams, 1989

Appointed by Garrett County Board of County Commissioners: John Adams, Jr., 1989

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Westernport, MD 21562 777-1515

The Upper Potomac River Commission was established in 1935 (Chapter 409, Acts of 1935). It supervises the Savage River Dam, which regulates the flow of the Potomac River. The Commission has jurisdiction over the water resources of Allegany County and Election District 4 (Bloomington) in Garrett County.

The Commission consists of three members appointed for six-year terms. The Governor appoints the chairperson, and the Allegany County and Garrett County Boards of County Commissioners each appoint one member.

ASSISTANT SECRETARY, CHESAPEAKE BAY PROGRAMS

Verna E. Harrison, *Assistant Secretary for Chesapeake Bay Programs*

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The position of Assistant Secretary for Chesapeake Bay Programs was created in 1988. The Assistant Secretary is responsible for the

Department's relations with citizens groups and the Governor's staff concerning the Chesapeake Bay Program. The Assistant Secretary also is responsible for budgetary matters related to the Program.

DEPUTY SECRETARY

John R. Griffin, *Deputy Secretary*
974-3043

ADVISORY COUNCIL ON DISABILITIES ISSUES

Howard Nickelson, *Chairperson* 594-9652
Contact: John R. Griffin 974-3043

The Advisory Council on Disabilities Issues was formed by the Secretary of Natural Resources in 1985. The Council advises the Department on issues related to the accessibility of Departmental facilities, programs, activities, and job opportunities to disabled persons. Council members are appointed by the Secretary of Natural Resources (Code Natural Resources Article, sec. 1-102(d)).

ADVISORY BOARD

Erwin C. Hannum, *Chairperson*

Appointed by Secretary of Natural Resources: Ralph A. Bitely; James B. Coulter; Carlton E. Dize; Germaine Gallagher; Ralph A. Gray; Jordan L. Harding; C. Porter Hopkins; John D. Jeffries; Edward Middleton; Henry Naylor; William H. Parker; Robert L. Peltzer, Sr.; Larry W. Simms; Victor P. Skruck, Sr.; Hubert I. Snyder; Dorothy P. Stancill; R. Thomas Thayer.

In 1969, the Secretary of Natural Resources was authorized to create an advisory board for the Department (Chapter 154, Acts of 1969). The Secretary determines the size of the Board. Members represent professional areas or fields of endeavor with which the Department is concerned (Code Natural Resources Article, sec. 1-105).