
FRESHWATER FISHERIES

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Created in 1991, Freshwater Fisheries protects, preserves, and restores the freshwater fish resources of Maryland. Through administration of the Fisheries Management and Protection Fund, Freshwater Fisheries conducts scientific investigations and environmental review, propagates fish, and manages the nontidal finfish of the State.

Through standardized field surveys, Freshwater Fisheries maintains a data base of the physical, chemical and biological properties of freshwater resources as a basis for environmental review and management planning. By analysis of this data base, consultation with the Sport Fisheries Advisory Commission, and communication with the angling public, Freshwater Fisheries regulates Maryland freshwater fish resources to assure a pleasurable angling experience and preservation of freshwater fish stock for future generations.

FORESTRY PROGRAMS

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Forestry Programs originated as the Private Land Forestry Program. That Program was renamed Cooperative Forestry Program in 1988 and reorganized as Forestry Programs in 1991.

Forestry Programs helps private forest landowners and municipal and county governments manage their forests and trees. Forestry Programs seeks to improve and maintain the economic, aesthetic, recreational, and environmental contributions of trees, forests, and forest-related resources for human benefit. Duties include cooperative forest management; urban and community forestry; resource use, planning, and protection; and all matters relating to forestry in the critical areas surrounding Chesapeake Bay.

Forestry Programs provides forest management expertise to private landowners and local governments. Forest fire prevention and control, insect and disease control, land management, watershed management, as well as reforestation, and urban and community forestry constitute the main thrusts of Forestry Programs. Through urban and community forestry, Forestry Programs carefully plans development and large-scale forestry projects with developers, builders, architects, and city and county planners. Supervision of utility trimming and municipal tree care programs is an important facet of urban and community forestry. The urban forestry concept includes granting individual shade tree consultations to private landowners, as time permits.

ASSISTANT SECRETARY, NATURAL RESOURCES

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The Assistant Secretary for Natural Resources is responsible for five agencies: the Tidewater Administration, the Natural Resources Police Force, the Boating Administration, Shore Erosion Control, and the Chesapeake Bay Critical Areas Commission.

TIDEWATER ADMINISTRATION

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The Tidewater Administration was created in 1979 (Chapter 601, Acts of 1979). Reorganized in 1988, the Administration oversees the work of four divisions: Fisheries, Coastal Resources, Chesapeake Bay Research and Monitoring, and Power Plant and Environmental Review.

FISHERIES DIVISION

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The Fisheries Division carries out duties of the former Fisheries Administration, created by Chapter 348, Acts of 1972. The Division preserves, enhances, develops, and oversees use of fishery resources in Maryland.

The Division's Fishery Management Program plants oyster shells for propagation, transplants seed oysters on public oyster bars, and monitors blue crab movement to gauge fluctuations in annual harvest. The Program studies young fish annually to determine reproductive success, monitors anadromous fish reproduction and harvests, supports striped bass hatcheries for research and release, and develops pond and reservoir fisheries. The Program also issues permits for aquaculture and scientific collections of fish and shellfish, investigates disease and parasite infestations, develops and analyzes statistics for management decisions, and formulates management plans. The Division strives to provide maximum opportunities for public trout fishing within existing habitat while preserving and enhancing natural trout resources within the State.