

The Division is served by several advisory committees including the following:

SPORT FISHERIES ADVISORY COMMISSION

Dr. James Gilford, *Chairperson*, 1993

Appointed by Governor with advice of Secretary of Natural Resources: William G. Huppert, 1992; Edward O'Brien, 1992; Guy Turenne, 1992; David B. Rockland, Ph.D., 1993; Kenneth D. Wilson, 1993; Kenneth M. Andrejak, 1994; Frederick W. Meers, 1994; Tammie J. Mumma, 1994.

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

STATEWIDE OYSTER DIVERS COMMITTEE

George O'Donnell, *Chairperson*

Appointed by Governor: not yet appointed

STATEWIDE OYSTER PATENT TONGERS COMMITTEE

Gerald S. Phillips, Sr., *Chairperson*

Appointed by Governor: not yet appointed

TIDAL FISHERIES ADVISORY COMMISSION

Robert P. Eurice, *Chairperson*

Appointed by Governor with advice of Secretary of Natural Resources: Edwin M. Darwin; H. Russell Dize; Joseph E. Heim; William G. Huppert; Frederick W. Maddox; George M. O'Donnell; Francis J. Russell; Larry W. Simms; Casey I. Todd; Andrew T. Tolley; William R. Woodfield, Jr. *Terms expire 1992.*

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(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.

CHESAPEAKE BAY RESEARCH & MONITORING DIVISION

Ronald J. Klauda, Ph.D., *Director*

974-3782

The Chesapeake Bay Research and Monitoring Division was formed 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.