

Agriculture as Seafood Marketing Services. It was renamed the Seafood Marketing Section in 1988, and simply Seafood Marketing in 1992. In July 1995, the functions of Seafood Marketing were assigned to Aquaculture Development and Seafood Marketing.

This agency promotes increased distribution and consumption of Maryland seafood and also seeks to reduce its cost and improve its quality and marketability. The agency's *Maryland Seafood Directory* lists processors, wholesalers, distributors, and seafood market suppliers of seafood and aquaculture products.

#### AQUACULTURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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The Aquaculture Advisory Committee was created in 1988 (Chapter 534, Acts of 1988). In consultation with the Senate Economic and Environmental Affairs Committee and the House of Delegates Environmental Matters Committee, the Committee proposes legislation that promotes a major aquaculture industry for Maryland's tidal waters. In 1990, Committee recommendations helped create the Maryland Seafood and Aquaculture Loan Fund for expanding aquaculture or modernizing the seafood processing industry (Chapter 511, Acts of 1990).

The Committee has twenty-one members. Twelve are named to three-year terms by the Governor. Other members include a senator chosen by the Senate President; a delegate selected by the House Speaker; a representative named by the Secretary of Agriculture, and one by the Secretary of Natural Resources; a representative of the Fisheries Service designated by the Secretary of Natural Resources; and a representative of the University of Maryland College of Agriculture and Natural Resources named by the Chancellor of the University of Maryland System. The Secretaries of Business and Economic Development, the Environment, and Health and Mental Hygiene each choose a nonvoting member (Code Agriculture Article, secs. 10-1301, 10-1302).

#### SEAFOOD MARKETING ADVISORY COMMISSION

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In 1987, the Seafood Marketing Advisory Commission was formed within the Department of Agriculture (Chapter 308, Acts of 1987). The Commission assists Aquaculture Development and Seafood Marketing.

The Commission has thirteen members. With Senate advice and consent and the advice of the Secretary of Agriculture, the Governor appoints eleven members to four-year terms. Two are nonvoting, ex officio members (Code Agriculture Article, sec. 10-1101).

#### MARKETING & AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

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Marketing and Agricultural Development began as the Marketing Services Section. It was reorganized as Marketing in 1992 and received its current name in 1995. Programs include projects to improve quality and enhance presentation of agricultural commodities to the consumer; international marketing; market news and statistics services in conjunction with the U.S. Department of Agriculture; and a consumer marketing information program (Code Agriculture Article, secs. 10-101 through 10-204; 10-501 through 10-504; 10-601 through 10-606; 10-701 through 10-708; 10-801 through 10-807; 10-901 through 10-909).

Marketing and Agricultural Development compiles the following publications:

*Choose & Cut Christmas Tree Directory*  
*Grain and Livestock* (weekly)  
*Maryland Fresh Fruits and Vegetables Users Guide*  
*Maryland Hay and Straw Directory*  
*Maryland Retail Farmers' Market Directory*  
*Maryland Tobacco Report* (radio tape—in season)  
*Pick-Your-Own Fruit and Vegetable Directory*  
*Wholesale Directory—Maryland Christmas Tree Growers*

Under this unit are the Maryland Agricultural Fair Board, the Tobacco Authority, and the Maryland Winery and Grape Growers' Advisory Board.

#### MARYLAND AGRICULTURAL FAIR BOARD

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Forerunners of the Maryland Agricultural Fair Board include societies for the promotion of agriculture which flourished in Maryland, beginning in 1807 with the creation of boards of agriculture in twelve Maryland counties (Chapter 169, Acts of 1807). These boards were authorized to award premiums or medals for the promotion of agriculture. Other county societies and fair boards were created and, from time to time, the General Assembly appropriated money to them for agricultural fairs.

The Maryland Agricultural Fair Board was established as the State Fair Board in 1937 (Chapter 463, Acts of 1937). It received its present name in 1980 (Chapter 85, Acts of 1980). The Board fosters agriculture by promoting and assisting agricultural fairs and exhibits. It gives financial aid to