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## RESOURCE MANAGEMENT SERVICE

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The Resource Management Service was organized in 1992 as Resource Management and received its current name in 1995. The Assistant Secretary for the Resource Management Service is responsible for four agencies: the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area Commission; the Fisheries Service; the Forest, Wildlife and Heritage Service; and the Licensing and Registration Service.

### CHESAPEAKE BAY CRITICAL AREA COMMISSION

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The Chesapeake Bay Critical Area Commission was created within the Department of Natural Resources in 1984 (Chapter 794, Acts of 1984). At that time, the General Assembly found that "there is a critical and substantial State interest for the benefit of current and future generations in fostering more sensitive development activity in a consistent and uniform manner along shoreline areas of the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries." (Code Natural Resources Article, sec. 8-1801).

The law governing the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area Protection Program requires that development projects within 1,000 feet of the tidal influence of the Chesapeake Bay meet standards designed to mitigate adverse effects on water quality and fish, plant and animal habitat. The law is administered through critical area programs of local governments. To ensure compliance with State law, the Commission funds local programs and monitors them and local development projects. Periodically, the Commission also meets with the General Assembly's Joint Committee on Chesapeake Bay Critical Areas.

The Commission has twenty-seven members. With Senate advice and consent, the Governor appoints twenty members to four-year terms and names the chair. Seven serve ex officio (Code Natural Resources Article, secs. 8-1801 through 8-1816).

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## FISHERIES SERVICE

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The Fisheries Service was formed in 1995 to administer three units: the Cooperative Oxford

Laboratory; the Freshwater Fisheries Division; and the Tidal Fisheries Division.

## COOPERATIVE OXFORD LABORATORY

### BOARD OF VISITORS

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Appointed by the Secretary of Natural Resources, the Board of Visitors is an advisory body which periodically reviews the mission, facilities, and accomplishments of the Cooperative Oxford Laboratory. Originally a federal research center, the Laboratory in 1987 became a joint research and monitoring facility of the Department of Natural Resources, and the National Marine Fisheries Service of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce. Located on the Tred Avon River, the Laboratory is a complex of laboratories and experimental ponds, with an extensive scientific library. Laboratory work focuses on diagnosing and monitoring diseases of shellfish and finfish. A unit of the National Marine Mammal Stranding Network also is based there.

## FRESHWATER FISHERIES DIVISION

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

Through standardized field surveys, the Division 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, the Division regulates Maryland freshwater fish resources to assure a pleasurable angling experience and preserve freshwater fish stock for future generations.

## TIDAL FISHERIES DIVISION

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The Tidal Fisheries Division traces its origin to the Commissioners of Fisheries formed in 1874 (Chapter 150, Acts of 1874). In 1916, functions of the Commissioners of Fisheries were assigned to the Conservation Commission, which oversaw fish hatcheries (Chapter 682, Acts of 1916). The Conservation Department assumed fisheries duties in