

by the proper propagation and culture of fish, and for that reason have appointed Commissions to take charge of the propagation of food fishes, and—

Preamble. WHEREAS, The Congress of the United States has also appointed a Commissioner General of Fisheries, who is ready and willing to co-operate with the Commissioners of Fisheries of the several States in furnishing such aid and information as may assist in the stocking of the waters of the said States with food fishes; therefore—

Appointment of *SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, is hereby authorized to appoint two competent persons, who shall continue in office for two years from the time of their appointment, and until their successors are appointed, who Commission'rs of Fisheries. shall be known as Commissioners of Fisheries of Maryland, and that one of the commissioners shall come from the Eastern and one from the Western Shore of the State.

Duties of *SEC. 2. Be it enacted,* That it shall be the duty of said Commissioners to immediately proceed to inspect all the waters of this State, with a view of stocking the same with such food fishes as in their judgment shall be most advantageous, and with such object shall communicate with the Commissioner General of Fisheries of the United States, and with the Commissioners of Fisheries appointed by the different States, and report the result of their inspection to the Governor of this State as soon as practicable, and that they examine into the feasibility of cutting a channel around the Great Falls of the Potomac to admit the passage of fish from tide water into the upper Potomac, and that they also inquire into the expediency of constructing fish-ways or fish-ladders to admit the passage of fish over dams or other obstructions in the upper Potomac, or elsewhere in the State, and that an estimate of cost, be made, and a report thereof be made to the next General Assembly of Maryland.

Report.

Duty of *SEC. 3. Be it enacted,* That it shall be the duty of the said Commissioners of Fisheries, after making the inspection and obtaining the information required