

ARTICLE XIXA.

CONSERVATION OF NATURAL RESOURCES.*

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Conservation commission. 2. Office; employees. 3. Powers and duties. 4. Engineer; commander of state fishery force; state game warden. 5. Powers and duties; offices abolished. 6. Barren oyster bottoms. 7. Reserved areas upon depleted natural bars. | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 8. Control over inspection of oysters, fish and crabs; enforcement of laws; measurers and inspectors. 9. Conservation fund; state game protection fund. 10. Vessels of state fishery force; expenditures. 11. Report to Governor. 12. Object of article; effect of unconstitutional provision. |
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1916, ch. 682.

1. The Conservation Commission of Maryland is hereby created and established. The said Commission shall consist of three members, citizens and residents of this State, all of whom shall be men specially informed in one or more of the following subjects: oysters, clams, fish, crabs, terrapin, wild fowl, birds, game and fur-bearing animals. The members of the Commission shall be appointed by the Governor, and he shall designate one of said members to act as Chairman of the Commission. The term of the members of the Commission shall be four years from the first Monday in June succeeding their appointment. The Governor shall have power of removal for cause and he shall fill vacancies in the Commission however occurring. In all cases the decision of a majority of the members of the Commission shall be binding. The salary of each Commissioner shall be \$3,000. a year, and he shall be entitled to receive in addition thereto the necessary traveling expenses and disbursements incurred by him in the discharge of his official duties. The Commission shall at the time of its organization, and from time to time thereafter, adopt such by-laws and rules of procedure for the conduct of its business as it may deem necessary.

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2. The Commission shall establish and maintain an office where its meetings may be held, and where all books, records, charts and other

*The act of 1917, chapter 2, authorizes the conservation commission to lease to the United States all vessels belonging to the state fishery force.

The act of 1917, chapter 10, authorizes the conservation commission to construct and maintain two modern fish hatcheries.