

An. Code, sec. 3. 1916, ch. 682.

3. The Commissioner shall have general supervisory power, regulation and control over the following natural resources of the State, viz: (1) oysters and clams; (2) fish, crabs and terrapin; (3) wild fowl, birds, game and fur-bearing animals. The Commissioner shall be charged with the execution of all laws now in force or hereafter enacted relating to any of the above subjects.

An. Code, sec. 4. 1916, ch. 682.

4. The Commissioner shall appoint the following staff officers, who shall conduct the work of their respective departments under the authority and supervision of the Commissioner:

(1) *Engineer*, at an annual salary not exceeding \$3,000., who shall have had experience in scientific and practical work relating to fish and shell fish. He shall have charge of surveying and marking natural oyster bars, reserved areas, leased bottoms, crabbing grounds, clam grounds, fish hatcheries, and any other areas set apart by the Commissioner for special purposes. He shall also have immediate charge of the experimental work conducted by the Commissioner in the propagation of oysters, fish and crabs. He shall also be allowed necessary traveling expenses and disbursements incurred in the discharge of his official duties, not to exceed \$500. per annum.

(2) *Commander of the State Fishery Force*, at an annual salary not exceeding \$2,000., who shall have charge of all boats now or hereafter composing the State Fishery Force or Oyster Navy. The fleet under his command shall be charged with the execution of the laws relating to oysters, clams, fish, crabs, terrapin, wild ducks, wild geese and all other water game and fur-bearing animals. The Commissioner shall also appoint the deputy-commanders of the boats of the State Fishery Force, and the commander and deputy-commanders shall appoint their respective crews. The salaries of the deputy-commanders and crews shall be those now or hereafter provided by law.

(3) *State Game Warden*, at such annual salary as may now or hereafter be fixed by law, who shall also be allowed his necessary traveling expenses and disbursements in the discharge of his official duties. The Commissioner shall appoint and issue commissions to such deputy game wardens as may be designated to him by the State Game Warden, and the Commissioner may revoke and annul any such appointment at his pleasure. The duties and powers of the State Game Warden and of the deputy game wardens shall be those now or hereafter prescribed by law, and they shall report to the Conservation Commissioner¹ whenever required.

An. Code, sec. 5. 1916, ch. 682.

5. The Commissioner shall take over and exercise all of the respective functions, discretion, powers and duties heretofore exercised by the Commissioners of Fisheries, the Board of Shell Fish Commissioners, the State Conservation Bureau and the Commander of the State Fishery Force and

¹ Formerly the conservation commission.