

of the State regarding its water resources herein declared, the plans of the applicant provide for the greatest practicable utilization of the waters of the State and will adequately preserve public safety and will promote the general public welfare it shall grant the permit to appropriate or to use the waters, or to construct, reconstruct or repair the proposed reservoir, dam, or water-way obstruction, or to accomplish any combination of these objects. But if the Commission be of the opinion, from the evidence before it, that the proposed appropriation or use of State waters or that the proposed construction is inadequate, wasteful, dangerous, impracticable, or will be detrimental to the best public interest, the Commission may reject such application or it may suggest such modifications of the proposed plans as it deems sufficient to protect the public welfare and safety. In granting any permit authorizing any use or appropriation of water, or the construction or alteration of any reservoir, dam or water-way obstruction, the Commission may include in the grant thereof such conditions, terms and reservations with respect to the character, amount, means and manner of such use or method of such construction as it may deem reasonably necessary to preserve the proper control in the State and to insure the safety and welfare of the people of Maryland. It shall be unlawful to appropriate or use any waters of the State, or to construct or begin the construction, or to make or begin any change or addition, or reconstruct or repair, any reservoir, dam or water-way obstruction, except in accordance with the terms, conditions, regulations and restrictions of such permit; and such rules and regulations, with regard to said constructions, changes, additions, or repairs as may be prescribed by the Commission. The Commission may determine and specify in each permit granted for the construction of a dam or other waterworks what provisions, if any, should be made for the passage of fish.

1933, ch. 526, sec. 9.

9. Upon complaint, or upon its own initiative, the Commission shall have power to cause an investigation or examination to be made of any reservoir, dam, or water-way obstruction now existing or hereafter constructed. If the Commission shall determine that such reservoir, dam or water-way obstruction is unsafe or needs repair, or should be removed as being unsafe and not susceptible of repair, the Commission shall, in writing, notify the owner or owners thereof to repair or remove the same, as the exigencies of the case may require; such work to be commenced and proceeded with to completion within such reasonable time as may be prescribed in such notice by the Commission.

1933, ch. 526, sec. 10.

10. The Commission shall prescribe a time limit of not more than two years from the granting of any permit in which time the construction, reconstruction or repair must be begun and/or the appropriation or use of water must be made. The Commission shall also prescribe a time limit of not more than five years to begin from the granting of any permit in