

The term "closed season" shall mean the time during which game or fur-bearing animals may not be legally taken or killed and includes all periods of time not included within the open season.

The term "hunt" shall mean to include: hunt, pursue, catch, kill, trap, shoot or attempt to hunt, pursue, catch, kill, trap or shoot.

Game and Inland Fish Commission.

1927, ch. 568, sec. 3. 1939, ch. 354, sec. 3.

3. A Commission to be known as the Maryland State Game and Inland Fish Commission is hereby created. The Commission shall consist of five citizens of this State, who shall be appointed by the Governor and who shall fairly represent the several geographical sections of the State, and no person shall be appointed to said Commission unless said person has held or has been the owner of a hunter's license or an angler's license prior to said appointment; and said person shall be well informed on the subject of wild life conservation and restoration, especially wild water-fowl, birds, game, fur-bearing animals and inland fishes.

The members of the Commission shall hold office for terms of five (5) years and shall receive no compensation for their services as members thereof, except that each Commissioner shall be reimbursed for actual and necessary traveling expenses incurred or made by him in the discharge of his official duties to be paid from the State Game Protection Fund at the rate of five cents (5¢) per mile for traveling expenses and not more than five dollars (\$5.00) per day for subsistence.

The Governor of Maryland shall designate one Commissioner to serve for one year; one Commissioner to serve for two years; one Commissioner to serve for three years; one Commissioner to serve for four years; and one Commissioner to serve for five years; all of said terms shall begin on the first Monday in June, 1939. Thereafter such appointments of Commissioners shall be for terms of five (5) years.

Upon the death, resignation or removal from office of any person so appointed as aforesaid, the Governor shall fill the vacancy for the unexpired term. The Governor may remove a Commissioner for inefficiency, neglect of duty, or misconduct in office.

The Commission shall hold meetings at the office of the Commission in July and January and at such other times and places within the State as the Game Warden may appoint. At the meeting held in July, the Commission shall elect one of its members as chairman, and one of its members as vice-chairman. Such officers shall hold office for a period of one year. Three members of the Commission shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

1939, ch. 354, sec. 3A.

4. The Game and Inland Fish Commission of Maryland shall appoint, in accordance with the provisions of Article 64A of the Annotated Code of Maryland, a Game Warden for the State, who shall receive such salary as shall be provided in the budget, and he shall be entitled to traveling expenses, and all other expenses incurred in the discharge of his duties; provided, however, that the present State Game Warden shall be the first Game Warden of this State under the provisions of this section, and provided further, that the present Game Warden, all officers and employees of the Game Division of the Conservation Department of Maryland, and