

tion of the Western Shore outside the counties of St. Mary's, Calvert and Charles, one associate member shall be a resident of that section of the Western Shore comprising the counties of St. Mary's, Calvert and Charles. The Commissioner of Fisheries shall be chosen from the State at large. All vacancies among said members shall be filled by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate.

1939, ch. 353, sec. 2.

2. The Commissioner of Fisheries shall receive such salary not exceeding \$4,500 per annum as may be fixed in the budget, and the associate members of the Commission shall each receive such salary not exceeding \$2,400 per annum as may be fixed in the budget.

1939, ch. 353, sec. 3.

3. On June 1, 1939, all the rights, powers, duties and functions heretofore conferred upon or exercised by the Conservation Commission with respect to oysters, shellfish, the State Fishery Force or Oyster Navy and the Commander and personnel thereof, Chesapeake Bay and tidewater fish, fisheries, and hatcheries and the State Biological Laboratory shall be transferred to and thereafter be exercised and performed by the Commission of Fisheries and thereupon the said Conservation Commission shall be abolished.

1939, ch. 353, sec. 4.

4. The Commission shall have general supervisory power, regulation and control over the following natural resources of the State, within the bounds of the tidewater, viz: fish, crabs, terrapin, oysters, clams and other shellfish. The Commission shall be charged with the execution of all laws now in force or hereafter enacted relating to any of the above subjects, and particularly with the enforcement of all laws relating to licenses and inspections. The Commission shall have control over the inspection of oysters, fish or crabs, wherever caught or sold in the State of Maryland, and of the enforcement of the cull laws and other protective measures. The Commission is empowered to provide such arms, ammunition and equipment as may be required for the vessels, boats and vessels owned by it or owned by the State of Maryland and subject to the control of the Commission. The Commissioner, with the approval of the Commission, shall be authorized to operate, sell, buy, lease, exchange, rent or repair such vehicles, vessels, boats, nets and other equipment as may be necessary for the work of the Commission.

1939, ch. 353, sec. 5.

5. The Commission shall establish and maintain a permanent office in the City of Annapolis, where its meetings shall be held and where all books, records, charts and other official papers and documents relating to the work of the Commission, shall be kept. The Commission shall meet during the first and third week of each month at its office, in Annapolis, and in addition, shall meet upon call of the Commissioner at such time and place as he may designate.

1939, ch. 353, sec. 6.

6. The Commissioner may at any time permit or cause to be taken any fish or marine organism for scientific purposes or for fish or shellfish propagation.