

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.

7. The Commission on or before the second Monday in January, in each year, shall prepare and present to the Governor a printed report showing the operations of the Commission during the preceding year, together with a financial statement showing its collections, receipts and disbursements. The said report shall include such statistical information relating to the seafood industry as may have been obtained by the Commission. Prior to each meeting of the General Assembly, the Commission shall make such recommendations to the Governor for the improvement of the condition of the fisheries as it shall deem necessary or advisable. The Commission, upon instructions from the Governor, shall cooperate with any Commission or other agency of the State Government appointed to study the welfare or improvement of the State Government.

8. The Commission shall exercise all the powers herein conferred except that the Commissioner shall be wholly responsible for the enforcement of the fish and shellfish laws, and shall be in command of the Commission's vessels, boats and vehicles. Each associate member shall supervise the planting and transplanting of shells and oysters in the area in which he is a resident in accordance with policies determined by the Commission, and shall perform such other duties as may be directed by the Commission.

9. The Commissioner, with the approval of the Commission, shall appoint a secretary, who shall be paid such salary not to exceed \$3,800 per annum as may be fixed in the budget, a surveyor, who shall be paid such salary not to exceed \$3,000 per annum, as may be fixed in the budget, a captain, who shall be paid such salary not to exceed \$3,000 per annum, as may be fixed in the budget, and a Director of the Marine Laboratory and Biological Research, who shall receive such salary as may be fixed in the budget. The Commissioner, after consultation with the present director, and with the approval of the Commission, shall appoint or continue in employment a biologist and such other employees of the Marine Laboratory as he may deem necessary, and the salaries of each of such employees shall be fixed by the Commission. The Commissioner, with the approval of the Commission, shall employ such clerks and stenographers and other employees as may be necessary. All employees provided for in this Article shall hold their respective positions under the provisions of the Merit System, Article 64A of the Annotated Code of Maryland. The