

or owned by the State of Maryland and operated by it, subject to the provisions of the Budget and Procurement law, Article 15A of the Code.

7. The Commission shall appoint a Secretary, Commander of the Fishery Force, Hydrographic Engineer, Auditor, Chief Clerk, Chief Inspector and such other Deputy Commanders, clerks, inspectors and employees as may be provided for, from time to time, in the Budget, all of whom shall perform such duties as the Commission may prescribe. The Commission shall have power to require any employee who handles funds, to furnish bond in such amount as the Commission may determine. The Commander of the Fishery Force, Deputy Commanders, inspectors and other employees who may be assigned to law enforcement duties shall have all of the powers conferred upon police officers or constables of this State, and such powers may be exercised anywhere within the territorial limits of this State. The Commander of the Fishery Force shall receive an annual salary of \$3,500.

8. The Commission shall have charge of the inspection of fish, crabs, terrapin, oysters, clams and other shellfish wherever caught or sold in the State of Maryland and of the enforcement of the cull laws and other protective measures. Provided, however, that nothing in this section is intended in any way to interfere with the inspections made by the State Department of Health.

It shall be the duty of the Commission, through its auditor, inspectors or other employees, to audit the books of the various persons, firms and corporations packing or dealing in fish, crabs, terrapin, oysters, clams and other shellfish, including any catchers of the same who may ship direct to market, for the purpose of ascertaining the total number of bushels of oysters caught in the waters of this State, the number of gallons shucked and shipped, the pounds of crabs and crabmeat, quantities of soft crabs and clams, quantities of each kind of fish, and also the quantity in bushels and gallons of oysters that are imported into the State.

9. Any person, firm or corporation buying or selling oyster shells shall report to the Commission, at such times as the Commission may prescribe, each purchase or sale of oyster shells, stating the number of bushels purchased or sold, the date of sale, the name and address of the other party to the transaction, and such other information as the Commission may prescribe.