

one from the State at large. In making the first appointments to the Commission, the Governor shall appoint the members for terms to begin on June 1, 1959, as follows: one for one year, one for two years, one for three years, one for four years, one for five years, one for six years, and one for seven years. Thereafter all appointments, except to fill vacancies, shall be for terms of ~~seven (7)~~ FIVE (5) years. Whenever a vacancy in any term of office shall occur, the Governor may fill the vacancy for the unexpired portion of the term. The Governor shall have the power to remove any Commissioner for cause. The Commissioners shall each receive an annual salary of ~~one thousand two hundred dollars (\$1,200.00)~~ THREE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$3,600.00). They shall be entitled to reimbursement for their traveling and other expenses in attending meetings of the Commission. The Commissioners, with the approval of the Governor, shall select one of their number as chairman, who shall preside at their meetings. THE CHAIRMAN SHALL RECEIVE AN ANNUAL SALARY OF \$4,500.00. The Commission may adopt rules and regulations to govern the conduct of their meetings.

7. (a). *The Department shall have general supervisory power, regulation and control over the following natural resources of the State, within the bounds of tidewater: fish, crabs, terrapin, oysters, clams and other shellfish. Wherever reference is made in this article or elsewhere in the laws of this State to the Commission of Tidewater Fisheries, it shall hereafter mean the Department of Tidewater Fisheries.*

(b). *The Department shall exercise the powers conferred and perform the duties imposed by all laws now in force or thereafter enacted, relating to fish, crabs, terrapins, oysters, clams and other shellfish, and particularly the provisions of Sections 234 to 342, inclusive, sub-title "Fish and Fisheries", and Sections 696 to 717, inclusive, sub-title "Oysters and Clams", of this article and any amendments thereto, relating to tidewater fisheries.*

(c) *In addition to any other powers heretofore and otherwise conferred upon it and subject to the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, Sections 244 to 256, inclusive, of Article 41 of this Code, as amended from time to time, the Department is hereby empowered to make such rules and regulations, and to modify or amend the same from time to time, as it may deem necessary and proper for governing or restricting the taking or catching of fish, oysters, or clams, the possession thereof, or the method by which the same may be taken, or the opening or closing of any specified area for the taking or catching of fish, oysters, or clams, or prohibiting or restricting devices used for the taking or catching of fish, oysters, or clams, or establishing seasons for taking same or establishing minimum size limits for fish, oysters, or clams. Any such rules and regulations adopted by the Department shall have the force and effect of law, unless and until modified or repealed by the General Assembly. PROVIDED, HOWEVER, NOTHING CONTAINED HEREIN SHALL BE CONSTRUED TO GIVE THE COMMISSION THE POWER TO CHANGE OR MODIFY ANY LAW ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND EITHER BEFORE OR AFTER THE PASSAGE OF THIS ACT.*