

all the non-agricultural AND FORESTRY natural resources of the State and aid the agencies of Maryland responsible for managing those resources. Toward these objectives:

(1) The Institute shall advance knowledge of the resources of Maryland and their best uses. Emphasis shall be upon the tidewater and inland resources and organisms, including forests, fish and wildlife, and the surface water of the State. A program of research and study shall be maintained in cooperation with the agencies of the Board of Natural Resources, other units in the University of Maryland, and appropriate State, Federal, public and private agencies and institutions.

(2) The Institute shall support and participate in the education of the public and of individuals in the problems and potentials of natural resources.

(3) The Institute shall aid in the training of students and specialists for future service in the field of natural resources.

(4) The staff of the Institute is hereby authorized to collect IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE EXISTING LAW such animals, plants, and other samples, and to use such collecting devices, techniques, and seasons as are necessary for and pertinent to the research and educational program.

20. The Natural Resources Institute, as a department of the University of Maryland, shall be under the supervision, direction and control of the Board of Regents of the University of Maryland. Said Board shall appoint a competent Director of the Institute who shall have special training and experience in investigating problems in the field of natural resources and the handling of educational matters, and be a graduate of an accredited college. Said Board shall also appoint an assistant in charge of educational work who shall be a graduate of an accredited college and who shall have a broad knowledge of conservation. Said Board shall likewise appoint such assistants, biologists and other employees as may be necessary, as provided in the budget. The present Director of the Department of Research and Education shall be appointed as the first Director of the Institute. All employees of the Department of Research and Education are hereby transferred to the University of Maryland and those now included within the classified service of the State shall remain in and continue to be a part of the classified service, and the University shall not designate them, or any of them, as anything other than part of the classified service, except that academic rank and faculty status shall MAY be assigned to the Director and qualified professional staff members.

21. Whenever the terms "Department of Research and Education" and "Director of the Department of Research and Education" appear in this Article or elsewhere in the laws of this State, they shall be deemed to refer to the Natural Resources Institute of the University of Maryland and to the Director of the Natural Resources Institute of the University of Maryland respectively. The Director of the Institute shall serve, ex officio, as a member of the Board of Natural Resources and of the Water Pollution Control Commission.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That all acts and parts of acts inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Act, or regulations or