

12. *The Department shall be responsible for the planning, development and management of the Chesapeake Bay and all other tidal waters, including the shorelines and bottoms thereof, and all resources associated therewith, excluding any matters under the jurisdiction of the Maryland Geological Survey, the Department of Game and Inland Fish, the Department of Water Resources, and the Department of Forests and Parks. In addition to the powers conferred upon the Department of Tidewater Fisheries prior to June 1, 1964, herein transferred to the Department, it also shall have the following powers: planning and development of recreational facilities in or on the waters of the Chesapeake Bay and other tidal waters and the assistance of other agencies in the planning of public recreational facilities associated with the Chesapeake Bay and other tidal waters; cooperation with other agencies in carrying out measures for the protection of tidal waterfront and waterways of the State against erosion and deposition; conduct of demonstrations of extended duration for the purpose of improving the fisheries or for such other needs as may be necessary in carrying out its duties herein; acting for the State in the further development of navigational aids and improvement of waterways in the Chesapeake Bay and other tidal water areas of the State.*

13. (a) *The Department shall have general supervisory power, regulation and control over the natural resources of the State within the bounds of tidal waters.*

(b) *The Department shall exercise the powers conferred and perform the duties imposed by all laws now in force or thereafter enacted relating to the natural resources of the State within the bounds of tidal waters.*

(c) *The Department is authorized to operate, sell, buy, lease, exchange, rent, or repair such vehicles, vessels, boats, nets and other equipment as may be necessary for its work, and to provide such arms, ammunition, and equipment as may be required for vehicles, vessels, boats owned by it or owned by the State of Maryland and operated by it, subject to the provisions of Article 15A of this Code, title "Budget and Procurement."*

(d) *The Department is authorized to contract for research or scientific investigation with the Natural Resources Institute of the University of Maryland, the Chesapeake Bay Institute of the Johns Hopkins University or other appropriate research organizations.*

13A. (a) *The Department shall have the following additional powers:*

(b) *To issue a new license for commercial fishing in place of each license that is forfeited.*

(c) *To issue licenses and establish fees for all nonresident buyers of seafood, seafood in wholesale or bulk quantities, when the purchase is from a buy boat or from a truck or other vehicle. Any such fee shall not exceed the sum of fifty dollars (\$50.00) annually.*

(d) *To negotiate under existing law with other states for agreements on the catching of crabs, the sizes of fish, and opening and closing of seasons.*