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(a) *The Board shall be responsible for the development of coordinated policies for the conservation, enhancement, wise use, perpetuation of the natural resources of the State, and shall be responsible for the efficient coordination and operation of all the natural resources activities of the State including the settlement of conflicts that may arise among departments, agencies and institutions represented on the Board. In the discharge of this responsibility the Board shall:*

(1) *Provide a forum of communication among natural resources agencies and a source of information for the Governor and General Assembly on the preservation, development and use of all the natural resources.*

(2) *Study and evaluate any plan, program or activity, or any combination of plans, programs or activities within one or more of the departments, agencies or institutions represented on the Board, and to recommend any legislative, budgetary or administrative changes, which will provide more effective administration, clarify responsibilities, terminate obsolete programs, establish desirable programs, or alter or amend programs to meet changed or changing conditions.*

(3) *Review federal statutes and federal policies, programs and activities which affect or may affect natural resources of Maryland and to recommend to federal, State and local agencies and institutions procedures for the coordination of these programs.*

(4) *Study the natural resources activities of the subdivisions of the State and to recommend procedures for coordination of the natural resources activities of the State and its subdivisions.*

(5) *Maintain a catalog or inventory of public land acquired or used for the preservation, development, management or enjoyment of the natural resources; to review all plans and proposals of the departments associated with the Board for the acquisition of additional land for such purposes; and to make recommendations on such acquisitions, taking into account public land owned and managed for identical or similar purposes by federal agencies and by counties, municipalities and other subdivisions of the State.*

(6) *Establish and maintain, for the use of the Board and the departments, agencies and institutions represented on the Board, a natural resources library cataloged according to a recognized library system and containing legal, scientific and administrative reports, books, documents, photographs, records and other information on the natural resources and natural resources administration.*

(b) *The Board shall edit, publish and distribute the periodical now known as the "Maryland Conservationist" which shall contain non technical information on the geology and geography, water and mineral resources, plant and animal life, recreational facilities and other natural resources, including scenic and historic sites. The Board shall publish nontechnical books, pamphlets, maps and other materials on the natural resources and shall encourage and assist its member agencies in the preparation of such materials for publication. The Board shall maintain a supply of such nontechnical publications and other materials for sale at cost to schools, libraries and the general public, and shall establish policies for the Board and its*