

mercial Fisheries Advisory Commission, Sport Fisheries Advisory Commission, Wildlife Advisory Commission, Forest Advisory Commission, Parks Advisory Commission, Water Resources Advisory Commission, and Chesapeake Bay and Coastal Zone Advisory Commission. Each advisory commission shall have five members appointed by the Governor, with advice of the Secretary, to serve at the pleasure of the Governor; members shall be knowledgeable persons in the area of interest of the advisory commission to which they are appointed. Each advisory commission shall have the duty to advise the Secretary or the administrator of the appropriate member agency of the Department pursuant to regulations adopted by the Secretary. Members shall receive compensation as provided in the annual budget of the Department, and shall be reimbursed for necessary expenses incurred in performance of duties performed pursuant to regulations adopted by the Secretary. Members of each advisory commission shall elect a chairman annually and may adopt procedures for conduct of meetings. Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, members of the Commission on Chesapeake Bay Affairs, the Fish and Wildlife Commission, the Commission of Forests and Parks, and the Water Resources Commission as of June 30, 1972, shall be entitled to serve the unexpired remainder of their terms as members of one of the advisory commissions hereby created. In addition to such advisory boards as are or may be established by law, the Secretary of Natural Resources may, with approval of the Governor, create advisory units of such size and tenure as he deems appropriate. If any provisions of this subtitle, as they affect the Maryland membership units of interstate agencies, are inconsistent with any interstate compact to which Maryland is a party, [then] the provisions of this subtitle shall not be applicable to such units to the extent of the inconsistency.

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[(c)] Heads of departments and administrative agencies within the jurisdiction of the Department of Natural Resources may be removed by the Governor, upon recommendation of the Secretary, for failure to comply with lawful written directives of the Secretary of Natural Resources or for willful or repeated disregard of policies enunciated by the Secretary. In addition to removal by the Governor, the heads of such departments or agencies may be removed as provided in Article 64A of the Annotated Code of Maryland. The appointment or removal of other personnel by any department or other agency within the jurisdiction of the Department of Natural Resources shall be subject to the approval of the Secretary; however the Secretary is authorized to delegate this power of approval to the heads of the departments or other agencies within the Department of Natural Resources.]

[(d)] (c) The Secretary shall have the right and authority to transfer any function or activity [common to two or more] of the [departments and] agencies within the jurisdiction of the Department of Natural Resources, together with the staff, funds and equipment associated with that function or activity, to the office of the Secretary. Such staff as may be transferred to the office of the Secretary may be moved by order of the Secretary to another location as may be deemed necessary for the proper and efficient functioning of the office of Secretary of Natural Resources. The Secre-