

(c) To keep itself fully informed of the activities of the Department and to receive periodic and special reports concerning the current operations of the Department.

(d) To consider the needs for further resource development in the Chesapeake Bay and other tidal waters of the State from the points of view of the several economic and social interests of its people and to recommend to the Director long-range plans and programs of the Department.

(e) To advise the Director, whenever he so requests, with respect to rules and regulations which the Director shall promulgate pursuant to the authority granted by the laws of Maryland and which the Director shall modify or amend from time to time as may be necessary or proper in order to carry out the responsibilities of the Department. The rules and regulations established by the Director with the advice of the Commission shall include but not be limited to those deemed necessary and proper for governing or restricting the taking or catching of fish, shellfish, and other resources, the possession thereof, or the method by which the same may be taken, or the opening or closing of any specified areas for the taking or catching of fish, shellfish, and other resources, or prohibiting or restricting devices used for the taking or catching of fish, shellfish, or other resources, or establishing seasons for taking same or establishing minimum size limits for fish, shellfish, and other resources. Rules and regulations promulgated shall be subject to the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act and other rule-making requirements imposed by law. Nothing contained herein shall be construed to grant any power to change or modify any law enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland either before or after the passage of this subheading.

(f) To review the annual budget request of the Department and to advise the Director with respect to any items reflecting changes in established programs or objectives before October 1 of each year.

(g) To assist the Director in fostering public awareness and understanding of the objectives and functions of the Department, and in stimulating public participation and interest in orderly integrated resource development within the Chesapeake Bay and coastal regions.

(h) To hold public hearings and to sponsor meetings subject to the approval of the Director, when deemed necessary or useful in the execution of its duties.

(i) Except as provided in this section, all other powers and duties exercised and performed by the Commission or its chairman pursuant to any provisions of law shall, from and after July 1, 1969, be exercised and performed by the Director.】

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(a) The Governor shall appoint, upon the recommendation of the Secretary of Natural Resources, a competent person with the qualifications prescribed herein as Director of the Department of Chesapeake Bay Affairs. The Director shall be the head of the Department and shall personally direct its operations and activities. The Director shall be a person with executive ability and experience, and shall