

have an academic degree and knowledge of the general principles involved in the administration, improvement, planning, management and conservation of the fish, shellfish and other natural resources of the Chesapeake Bay and other tidal waters of the State. The Director shall devote his full time to the work of the Department and shall receive such salary as may be provided in the annual State budget. The Director shall hold office under and subject to the provisions of Section 234 (c) of Article 41 of this Code. Whenever reference is made in this or any other section of the Code to the chairman of the Commission of Tidewater Fisheries, it shall hereafter mean the Director of the Department.

(b) As the head of the Department of Chesapeake Bay Affairs, the Director shall, subject to the authority of the Secretary of Natural Resources as provided by law, be responsible for the exercise of all the powers and duties conferred upon the Department by the provisions of this article.

(c) The Director shall appoint the staff of the Department, subject to the authority of the Secretary of Natural Resources under Section 234 (c) of Article 41 of this Code and subject to the provisions of the merit system. The staff of the Department shall consist of such employees as may be necessary to carry out the duties of the Department, in such numbers and at the salaries provided in the annual State budget. Insofar as the provisions of the merit system provide for disciplinary or dismissal proceedings against employees to be brought by the appointing authority, the Director shall be the appointing authority unless the Secretary of Natural Resources by written directive provides that the Secretary shall be the appointing authority. All employees shall be under the supervision and control of the Director and shall perform such duties as he may prescribe. The Director may require any employee who receives moneys to furnish bond in such amount as the Director may determine.

(d) The Director shall exercise all other powers and duties necessary and proper in carrying out the responsibilities vested in him under this article.】

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The Department shall be responsible for the planning, development and management of the Chesapeake Bay and all other tidal waters, including the shore lines 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