

TITLE 1. DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES.

SUBTITLE 1. ORGANIZATION, POWERS, AND DUTIES OF DEPARTMENT.

1-101. DEPARTMENT CREATED AND CONTINUED; SECRETARY OF NATURAL RESOURCES; COUNSEL.

(A) DEPARTMENT CREATED AND CONTINUED; SECRETARY HEAD OF DEPARTMENT; APPOINTMENT AND QUALIFICATION OF SECRETARY. - THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES OF MARYLAND IS CREATED AND CONTINUED AS A PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT. THE HEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT IS THE SECRETARY OF NATURAL RESOURCES, WHO SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR WITH THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE. THE SECRETARY SHALL BE AN INDIVIDUAL WITH ADMINISTRATIVE ABILITY, WHOSE REPUTATION AND EXPERIENCE DEMONSTRATE HIS INTEREST IN THE FIELD OF NATURAL RESOURCES.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection is new language derived from Article 41, section 232(a) of the Code.

(B) POLICY RELATING TO NATURAL RESOURCES, PLANS, INFORMATION, AND ACTIVITIES. - IT IS THE INTENTION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, IN PROVIDING FOR A DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, TO ESTABLISH A STATE DEPARTMENT WHICH, IN ADDITION TO ITS OTHER FUNCTIONS, SHALL:

- (1) REVIEW AND EVALUATE ALL NATURAL RESOURCES POLICIES, PLANS, PROGRAMS, AND PRACTICES OF STATE, COUNTY, REGIONAL, AND FEDERAL AGENCIES AND INSTITUTIONS;
- (2) COORDINATE NATURAL RESOURCES ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE STATE;
- (3) BE A CENTER FOR COLLECTING AND ORGANIZING INFORMATION ON NATURAL RESOURCES FOR THE GUIDANCE OF THE GOVERNOR AND THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY; AND
- (4) OTHERWISE UNIFY, COORDINATE, AND PROMULGATE POLICIES, PLANS, PROGRAMS, AND PRACTICES WHICH INSURE THE PRESERVATION, DEVELOPMENT, WISE USE, AND ENJOYMENT OF ALL THE NATURAL RESOURCES FOR GREATEST BENEFITS TO THE STATE AND ITS CITIZENS.