

(1) ESTABLISH AND MONITOR A GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF APPROPRIATE PROJECTS THAT SUPPORT THE ECONOMIC HEALTH OF THE MARYLAND SEAFOOD INDUSTRY;

(2) PRIORITIZE, SELECT FOR FUNDING, AND OVERSEE SEAFOOD INDUSTRY PROJECTS UNDER A RAPID RESPONSE STRUCTURE; AND

(3) EXAMINE NEW TECHNOLOGIES, EQUIPMENT, RAW AND VALUE-ADDED PRODUCTS, FEASIBILITY STUDIES, AND MARKET DEVELOPMENT AND COST CONTROL STRATEGIES.

(C) THE TEAM SHALL CONSIST OF THE FOLLOWING ~~17~~ 18 INDIVIDUALS APPOINTED BY THE DEPARTMENT:

(1) ~~12~~ 12 MEMBERS INCLUDING:

(I) 1 HOLDER OF A TIDAL FISHERIES LICENSE;

(II) 1 CRAB PROCESSOR;

(III) 1 OYSTER PACKER;

(IV) 1 SURF CLAM PROCESSOR;

(V) 1 FINFISH PROCESSOR;

(VI) 1 VALUE-ADDED PROCESSOR;

(VII) 1 WHOLESALE DISTRIBUTOR;

(VIII) 1 SEAFOOD DISTRIBUTOR;

(IX) 1 AQUAFARMER;

(X) 1 REPRESENTATIVE OF THE CHESAPEAKE BAY SEAFOOD INDUSTRIES ASSOCIATION; ~~AND~~

(XI) 1 REPRESENTATIVE OF THE MARYLAND WATERMEN'S ASSOCIATION; AND

(XII) 1 REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SEAFOOD MARKETING ADVISORY COMMISSION; AND

(2) 6 ADVISORS, INCLUDING 1 REPRESENTATIVE EACH FROM:

(I) THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, COLLEGE PARK;

(II) THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, EASTERN SHORE;

(III) THE DEPARTMENT;

(IV) THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT;

(V) THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES; AND

(VI) THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE.