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(c) Unless otherwise provided by this article, each advisory commission created by law consists of five members appointed by the Governor, with the advice of the Secretary to serve at the pleasure of the Governor. [From and after July 1, 1974, the Sport Fisheries Advisory Commission shall have one additional member who shall be a resident of western Maryland.] A member shall be knowledgeable in the area of interest of the advisory commission on which he serves. Each advisory commission shall advise the Secretary or the administration of the appropriate department unit, pursuant to rules and regulations the Secretary adopts. The members of each advisory commission annually shall elect a chairman of the commission and may adopt procedures to conduct its meetings. An advisory commission member receives the compensation provided in the department budget. Every member shall be reimbursed for necessary travel expenses incurred in performing any official duty, pursuant to rules and regulations the Secretary adopts.

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(b) (1) There is a Sport Fisheries Advisory Commission in the Department.

(2) THE COMMISSION SHALL PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT ADVICE ON RECREATIONAL FISHERIES MATTERS.

(3) THE COMMISSION IS COMPOSED OF 9 MEMBERS APPOINTED AND SERVING IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 1-102(C) OF THIS ARTICLE. THE EXPERIENCE AND BACKGROUNDS OF COMMISSION MEMBERS SHALL REPRESENT THE DIVERSIFIED ANGLING INTERESTS AND WATERS OF THE STATE.

(4) (I) THE TERM OF A MEMBER IS 4 YEARS AND A MEMBER MAY BE REAPPOINTED.

(II) AT THE END OF A TERM, A MEMBER CONTINUES TO SERVE UNTIL A SUCCESSOR IS APPOINTED AND QUALIFIES.

(III) A MEMBER WHO IS APPOINTED AFTER A TERM HAS BEGUN SERVES ONLY FOR THE REST OF THE TERM AND UNTIL A SUCCESSOR IS APPOINTED AND QUALIFIES.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, notwithstanding the provisions of this Act, of the members serving on the Sport Fisheries Advisory Commission on the effective date of this Act, 3 shall be reappointed by the Governor to an initial term of 3 years, and 3 shall be reappointed by the Governor to an initial term of 2 years. After these initial terms for existing members have run, a member may be reappointed for a 4-year term.