

with other allowable expenses, for rate-making purposes. Revenues from the surcharge shall be collected by the Comptroller and placed in the Fund.

(c) (1) The Secretary shall administer the Fund. The Fund is subject to the provisions for financial management and budgeting established by the Department of Budget and Management. [The] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE moneys in the Fund shall be used to carry out the provisions of this subtitle as provided for in the budget, except that 10% of all moneys accruing to the Fund from July 1, 1978 through June 30, 1983 shall be used to supplement funds necessary to carry out the duties of the People's Counsel of the Public Service Commission. The People's Counsel shall submit an annual budget of necessary supplemental funds to the Department to be incorporated in the Department's budget. For the purposes of this subtitle, the Secretary, in consultation with the Director of the Maryland Energy Administration, may execute appropriate contracts with any State or federal agency, research organization, industry, or academic institution to conduct the necessary research, construct or acquire, or both, real property including physical predictive models, laboratories, buildings, land, and appurtenances, or support the technological development of extraordinary systems related to power plants designed to minimize environmental impact. The Secretary may utilize available expertise in any other State unit in the development, execution, and management of contracts and agreements on projects relating to their areas of prime responsibility.

(2) MONEYS IN THE FUND MAY BE USED FOR ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS CALCULATED IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 1-103(B)(2) OF THIS ARTICLE.

4-208.

(A) There is a State Fisheries Management and Protection Fund in the Department.

(B) Any money received from any fish and fisheries license, stamp, permit, or application fee as provided in this title, unless otherwise provided shall be [credited]:

- (1) CREDITED to the Fund; and
- (2) [used] USED only for [the]:

(I) THE scientific investigation, protection, propagation, and management of nontidal finfish; AND

(II) ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS CALCULATED IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 1-103(B)(2) OF THIS ARTICLE.

4-209.

(a) There is a Fisheries Research and Development Fund in the Department.

(b) Any money the State Comptroller receives under the provisions of this title from commercial licenses, permits, and service fees, taxes, and royalties paid to the State for oyster shells and clam shells removed from the bottom beneath the tidal waters of the State, from the sale of seed oysters under § 4-1103 of this title, or any