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- Region IV:** Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Cecil and Harford Counties
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George D. P. Patterson, Wildlife Field Superintendent
- Region V:** Caroline, Kent, Queen Anne's and Talbot Counties
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- Region VI:** Dorchester, Somerset, Wicomico and Worcester Counties
Battie Mixon, Regional Game Warden
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The Department of Game and Inland Fish is associated with the Board of Natural Resources. The present Department, established in 1943, supersedes the Game and Inland Fish Commission and the Game and Inland Fish functions of the Conservation Department. The Department of Game and Inland Fish is under the direction of a commission of five members appointed by the Governor from the several geographical regions of the State. The term of each member is five years, one term expiring each year. The Commission elects a chairman and a Vice-Chairman from its membership, and appoints the Director of the Department. The Commission has the power to promulgate such rules and regulations as it deems necessary for the conservation of the resources in its charge. Such rules may restrict, extend or enlarge the terms of the game and fresh water fish laws. The Department enforces the game and fresh water fish laws and such additional regulations as it enacts. It also receives the proceeds from the sale of angling and hunting licenses, these funds being used to finance the activities of the department (Code 1947, Art. 89, sec. 3).

As of June 30, 1947, the Department owned game farms and refuges totaling 10,629½ acres. It has under lease another 12,774. The Department also operates State-owned game farms as follows: Gwynnbrook State Game Farm in Baltimore County, Wicomico State Game Farm in Wicomico County, Montgomery County Game Farm, and Washington County Game Farm. At these plants large numbers of bobwhites, chukar partridges, wild ducks and wild turkeys are raised.

During the period from 1940 to 1946, the Department purchased and developed the following wildlife demonstration areas: Indian Springs, 1,265 acres; Idylwild, 521 acres; Millington, 561 acres; Girdletree, 550 acres; Wellington, 380 acres; and the LeCompte, 479 acres. All of these refuges were acquired under the Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act.

In April 1946 a State-wide cooperative farm-game project in cooperation with the Soil Conservation Service and other agencies was approved by the Fish and Wildlife Service and is now being carried on in all twenty-three counties of Maryland. Another land use practice in Maryland which has resulted in direct benefit to many species of wildlife is the development and maintenance of over 100,000 acres of State forest lands in cooperation with the Department of Forests and Parks.

In several sections of Maryland special emphasis has been placed on refuges giving protection to critically reduced species, particularly wild turkeys, wild waterfowl and the Bryant fox squirrel.