

propagation of birds and game of all kinds, the Commission to make an equitable distribution of said fund among the counties of the State, in proportion to the amounts contributed to said fund by the respective counties.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 10. 1912, sec. 10. 1916, ch. 682.

10. The Commission is empowered to provide for the vessels of the State Fishery Force such arms, ammunition and equipment as may be required, and the Commission may from time to time make such repairs and additions to the vessels of the force as may in its discretion be necessary for the efficiency of the force, provided that all moneys expended by the Commission for such purposes shall be paid out of the Conservation Fund under its control, unless other funds are specially appropriated therefor by the General Assembly.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 11. 1912, sec. 11. 1916, ch. 682.

11. It shall be the duty of the Commission, on or before the second Monday in January in each year, to prepare and present to the Governor of the State a printed report showing the operations of the Commission during the preceding year, in which report shall be plainly set forth the amounts of revenue derived from the several industries under the supervision of the Commission, and also the amounts of money expended by the Commission and for what purpose. It shall be the duty of the Commission to recommend from time to time such further legislation as it may deem advisable.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 12. 1912, sec. 12. 1916, ch. 682.

12. The main object of this Article being to centralize and vest in the Conservation Commission entire control of the above mentioned natural resources of the State, it is hereby declared to be the intent of this Article that the said Commission shall supersede the former boards and officers to whom the administration of the law relating to such resources respectively has heretofore been entrusted. In case any section or provision of this Article shall be held unconstitutional or invalid, the same shall not be held to affect any other section or provision of this Article.<sup>1</sup>

### **Rare Earths and Minerals.**

An. Code, 1924, sec. 13. 1929, ch. 574, sec. 13.

13. Every person, firm, association or corporation taking any minerals, or rare earths, under the provisions of this sub-title, shall file, on or before the last Monday in January of each year, with the State Conservation Commission a written statement duly verified, showing the gross tons of two thousand pounds the amount of mineral or rare earths taken by such person, firm, association or corporation from such land, during the year ending December 31st, last preceding, on which royalty per gross ton is to be paid as is hereinafter provided for. Any such person, firm or corporation neglecting or refusing to furnish such statement or make such payment shall be subject to a fine of \$100 for each day after the said last Monday in January such person, firm, association or corporation shall fail to furnish such statement or make such payment, and in addition to said fine

<sup>1</sup> Sec. 2 of the act of 1916, ch. 682, provides for the repeal of all acts or parts of acts inconsistent with said act.