

(c) *To keep itself fully informed of the activities of the Department and to receive periodic and special reports concerning the current operations of the Department.*

(d) *To consider the needs for further resource development in the Chesapeake Bay and other tidal waters of the State from the points of view of the several economic and social interests of its people and to approve long-range plans and programs of the Department.*

(e) ~~To~~ UNDER THE PROCEDURES AND RESTRICTIONS HEREIN PROVIDED, TO promulgate rules and regulations pursuant to the authority granted by the laws of Maryland and to modify or amend the same from time to time as may be necessary or proper in order to carry out the responsibilities of the Department. The rules and regulations established by the Commission shall include but not be limited to those deemed necessary and proper for governing or restricting the taking or catching of fish, shell fish, and other resources, the possession thereof, or the method by which the same may be taken, or the opening or closing of any specified areas for the taking or catching of fish, shellfish, and other resources, or prohibiting or restricting devices used for the taking or catching of fish, shellfish, or other resources, or establishing seasons for taking same or establishing minimum size limits for fish, shellfish, and other resources. Rules and regulations promulgated shall be subject to the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act and other rule-making requirements imposed by law. Any such rules and regulations adopted ~~shall have the force and effect of law, unless and until modified or repealed by the General Assembly.~~ AND PROMULGATED BY THE COMMISSION, AND ANY AMENDMENTS OR MODIFICATIONS THEREOF, SHALL BE SUBMITTED BY THE COMMISSION TO THE NEXT SUBSEQUENT SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, AND THE RULES AND REGULATIONS SHALL NOT BE EFFECTIVE UNTIL AND UNLESS THEY HAVE BEEN APPROVED IN A STATUTE ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. Nothing contained herein shall be construed to grant any power to change or modify any law enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland either before or after the passage of this subheading.

(f) *To approve programs of the Department as represented in the annual budget.*

(g) *To assist the Director in fostering public awareness and understanding of the objectives and functions of the Department, and in stimulating public participation and interest in orderly integrated resource development within the Chesapeake Bay and coastal regions.*

(h) *To hold public hearings and to sponsor meetings when deemed necessary or useful in the execution of its duties.*

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(a) ~~The Commission~~ GOVERNOR shall appoint, with the ~~approval of the Governor~~ ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE, a competent person with the qualifications prescribed herein as Director of the Department. The Director shall be the administrative head of the Department and shall personally direct its operations and activities. The Director shall be a person with executive ability and experience, and shall have an academic degree and knowledge of the general principles involved in the administration, improvement, planning, management and conservation of the fish, shell-