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CHAPTER 403

DEPARTMENT OF SEA AND SHORE FISHERIES

Sec.

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§ 3451. Purpose; offices and personnel

The following provisions apply to the Department of Sea and Shore Fisheries:

1. Purposes of department. The department, as heretofore established, is for the purpose of conserving marine life, and for the purpose of implementing, administering and enforcing the laws of this State relating to sea and shore fisheries.

2. Department head. The department is headed by the commissioner.

3. Department composition. The department consists of such offices, bodies and personnel as are provided in chapters 401 to 417.

R.S.1954, c. 38, § 2; 1959, c. 331, § 1.

§ 3452. Experiments on polluted shellfish

The department is authorized to conduct experiments in an effort to find a commercially feasible method for the purification of clams, quahogs, oysters, mussels and other marine mollusks taken from polluted flats or waters.

1. Authorization to seek and expend federal funds. The department is authorized to seek and expend federal funds for the purposes of this section and the use and expenditure of such funds already obtained is confirmed.

2. May take polluted shellfish for purposes of section. The department may take and authorize others to take under its supervision clams, quahogs, oysters, mussels and other marine mollusks from polluted flats or waters for the purpose of such experiments.

3. Sale of purified shellfish. The department may authorize the sale of any and all shellfish which have been purified by the experiments authorized in this section, provided that the purified shellfish have a bacteriological quality at least equal to shellfish of the same species harvested from local approved areas.

1963, c. 411, § 2.