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(a) There is a Natural Resources Police Force in the Department that serves as a public safety agency with statewide authority to enforce conservation, boating, and criminal laws.

(b) The responsibilities of the Natural Resources Police Force include:

- (1) Providing maritime and rural search and rescue services;
- (2) Providing public education in hunting, boating, and water safety;
- (3) Providing primary law enforcement services for State parks, State forests, wildlife management areas, and public lands owned and managed by the Department; and
- (4) Serving as the lead agency for maritime homeland security on State waterways.

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