

Cecil-Harford Waterman's Association  
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Maryland Legislators

This letter is in support of House Bill 1 in the 2019 Legislative session prohibiting the dredging of Fossilized Oyster shell on Man O' War" shoals in Northern Baltimore County. "Man O' War" is too important of a habitat in the Upper Bay for both commercial and recreational activity and life of the Bay in general to be used for such a project.

During the very short commercial crab season North of the Bay Bridge in the summer "Man O 'War" is utilized by boats not only from Baltimore County but multiple boats from other counties such as Harford, Cecil, Kent, Anne Arundel, and Queen Annes just to name a few. In addition to Crabbing activity many lively hoods are made there fishing for Rockfish and Perch not to mention the harvest of oysters.

While sympathetic to the Oyster Industry in their need for Oyster shell for revitalization projects it is our organizations feelings that there will be more harm done then good disrupting Man O' War" shoals. Our Association understands the good that has been done around the State with shell projects from the Langenfelder dredge and would support alternate locations in the Upper Bay.

Thank you in advance for any consideration on this matter.

Regards,  
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