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House Environment and Transportation Committee

Testimony in SUPPORT House Bill 1465

Federal Clean Water Act – Authority of State

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The Delmarva Fisheries Association (DFA) adopts and echoes the testimony of the Clean Chesapeake Coalition regarding House Bill 1465. There is no dispute that the loss of trapping capacity behind Conowingo Dam is causing adverse environmental impacts downstream on flora and fauna in the Maryland portion of Chesapeake Bay, which hurts the seafood industry and harms local economies.

We urge all committee members to watch the Emmy Award winning documentary video “[The Conowingo Factor](#)”, which summarizes the Dam’s history and the water quality issues posed by both the Dam and sediment, nutrients and debris coming down the Susquehanna River, and impact of commercial fisheries. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LvK86Ripmc4&feature=youtu.be>

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