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CHAPTER ____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Natural Resources - New Fishery Management Plans for Certain Varieties of Fish**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Natural Resources to prepare fishery
4 management plans for certain catfish, ~~king mackerel, Spanish mackerel, tautog,~~
5 ~~black sea bass, largemouth bass, and smallmouth bass tautog, and black sea bass;~~
6 providing for the effective date of this Act; and generally relating to the preparation
7 of fishery management plans for certain fish.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article - Natural Resources
10 Section 4-215(b)
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (1989 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

13 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
14 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

15 **Article - Natural Resources**

16 4-215.

17 (b) The Department shall prepare fishery management plans for the following
18 species:

19 (1) Striped bass or rockfish;

20 (2) White perch;

21 (3) Yellow perch;

22 (4) American shad;

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- 1 (5) Hickory shad;
- 2 (6) Oysters;
- 3 (7) Blue crabs;
- 4 (8) Bluefish;
- 5 (9) Herring;
- 6 (10) Weakfish;
- 7 (11) Croaker;
- 8 (12) Spot;
- 9 (13) Summer flounder;
- 10 (14) American eel;
- 11 (15) Red drum;
- 12 (16) Black drum;
- 13 (17) Spotted sea trout;
- 14 (18) Horseshoe crabs; [and]
- 15 (19) Menhaden;
- 16 (20) BLUE CATFISH;
- 17 (21) ~~KING MACKEREL~~ CHANNEL CATFISH;
- 18 (22) ~~SPANISH MACKEREL~~ FLATHEAD CATFISH;
- 19 (23) TAUTOG; AND
- 20 (24) BLACK SEA BASS;
- 21 ~~(25) LARGEMOUTH BASS; AND~~
- 22 ~~(26) SMALLMOUTH BASS.~~

23 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
24 July 1, 1996.