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**By: Senators Frosh and Cade (Chesapeake Bay Commission)**

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Assigned to: Economic and Environmental Affairs

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A BILL ENTITLED

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 catfish, king mackerel, Spanish mackerel, tautog, black sea  
5 bass, largemouth bass, and smallmouth bass; providing for the effective date of this  
6 Act; and generally relating to the preparation of fishery management plans for  
7 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;

23 (5) Hickory shad;

24 (6) Oysters;

25 (7) Blue crabs;

26 (8) Bluefish;

27 (9) Herring;

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1 (10) Weakfish;

2 (11) Croaker;

3 (12) Spot;

4 (13) Summer flounder;

5 (14) American eel;

6 (15) Red drum;

7 (16) Black drum;

8 (17) Spotted sea trout;

9 (18) Horseshoe crabs; [and]

10 (19) Menhaden;

11 (20) CATFISH;

12 (21) KING MACKEREL;

13 (22) SPANISH MACKEREL;

14 (23) TAUTOG;

15 (24) BLACK SEA BASS;

16 (25) LARGEMOUTH BASS; AND

17 (26) SMALLMOUTH BASS.

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