

Department of Fiscal Services  
Maryland General Assembly

**FISCAL NOTE**

Senate Bill 688 (Senators Frosh and Cade)  
(Chesapeake Bay Commission)  
Economic and Environmental Affairs

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

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This bill requires the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to provide fishery management plans for catfish, king mackerel, Spanish mackerel, tautog, black sea bass, largemouth bass, and smallmouth bass.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None. The requirements of this bill can be handled with existing budgeted resources.

**Local Effect:** None.

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**Fiscal Analysis**

**Background:** The Secretary of Natural Resources adopts a management plan and any relevant conservation and management measure through regulation. The State's fishery resources are then harvested in accordance with the plan and any conservation measures. Of the 19 species currently listed in statute, regulations have been adopted for 16 species and another one is in the regulatory process.

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