

BY: Economic and Environmental Affairs Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 317

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, strike "Power Dredging of"; in line 8, after "oysters;" insert "establishing a certain oyster sanctuary in Somerset County; prohibiting the catching of oysters from the oyster sanctuary; providing for the review and termination of certain provisions of this Act; ""; and in line 8, strike the second "power dredging" and substitute "the catching".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, after line 38, insert:

"SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

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4-1014.

(G) (1) THERE IS AN OYSTER SANCTUARY IN THE AREA KNOWN AS THE WEBSTER GROUND THAT INCLUDES ALL THE WATERS INSHORE OF A LINE NORTHEASTERLY FROM LONG POINT TO LATITUDE 38 DEGREES, 12.63 MINUTES AND LONGITUDE, 75 DEGREES, 51.85 MINUTES, A DESIGNATED POINT IN MONIE BAY, THEN SOUTHWESTERLY TO THE EASTERN ENTRANCE TO PIGEON HOUSE CREEK.

(2) A PERSON MAY NOT CATCH OYSTERS IN THE OYSTER SANCTUARY DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Department of Natural Resources, in consultation with the Tidal Fish Advisory Committee, shall review the location of the

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oyster sanctuary established under Section 2 of this Act and make a recommendation to the General Assembly by January 1, 2001 as to whether the oyster sanctuary should be continued for an additional 5 years. “.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 3, in line 1, strike “2.” and substitute “4.”; and in line 2, after “1997.” insert “Sections 2 and 3 of this Act shall remain effective for a period of 4 years and, at the end of September 30, 2001, with no further action required by the General Assembly, Sections 2 and 3 of this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect. “.