

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 1408 (Delegate Guns)
Environmental Matters

Natural Resources - Fisheries Management - Black Bass

This bill repeals the current statutory limitations on catching black bass in tidal waters, and provides that the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) may control the harvest of black bass through regulations.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. Any additional workload through the promulgation and enforcement of regulations could be handled with existing resources.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: Potential minimal impact on small businesses as discussed below.

Fiscal Analysis

Small Business Effect: To the extent that DNR regulations on black bass vary from the current statutory and regulatory restrictions, small businesses that cater to the recreational fishing population could potentially be impacted. However, given current regulatory restrictions on black bass in non-tidal waters, it is not expected that significant changes will be made. Therefore, any such impact should be minimal.

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