

Department of Legislative Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

Senate Bill 400 (Senator Stoltzfus)
Economic and Environmental Affairs

Fish - Striped Bass Allocation

This bill requires the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to provide by regulation that any available quota of striped bass be allocated on a monthly basis to assure that all areas of the State have ample opportunity to attain an equitable portion of the available striped bass quota.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: DNR currently allocates any available quota of striped bass among the recreational and commercial fisheries and by the different gear types (pound net, haul seine, hook and line and gill net). Promulgating additional regulations allocating any available striped bass quota on a monthly basis could be handled with DNR's existing resources.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: Minimal. Allocating the striped bass quota on a monthly basis could potentially result in higher year-round prices. At this time, it cannot be determined whether or not this would happen.

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