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By: **Chairman, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs**  
**(Departmental - Natural Resources)**

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Natural Resources - Fisheries Management Plans - Catfish**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Natural Resources to prepare a  
4 fishery management plan for catfish; and generally relating to fishery  
5 management plans.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
7 Article - Natural Resources  
8 Section 4-215(b)  
9 Annotated Code of Maryland  
10 (2000 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

11 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
12 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

13 **Article - Natural Resources**

14 4-215.

15 (b) The Department shall prepare fishery management plans for the following  
16 species:

- 17 (1) Striped bass or rockfish;
- 18 (2) White perch;
- 19 (3) Yellow perch;
- 20 (4) American shad;
- 21 (5) Hickory shad;
- 22 (6) Oysters;

- 1 (7) Blue crabs;
- 2 (8) Bluefish;
- 3 (9) Herring;
- 4 (10) Weakfish;
- 5 (11) Croaker;
- 6 (12) Spot;
- 7 (13) Summer flounder;
- 8 (14) American eel;
- 9 (15) Red drum;
- 10 (16) Black drum;
- 11 (17) Spotted sea trout;
- 12 (18) Horseshoe crabs;
- 13 (19) Menhaden;
- 14 (20) Tautog;
- 15 (21) Black sea bass;
- 16 (22) Scup; [and]
- 17 (23) Hard shell clams; AND
- 18 (24) CATFISH.

19 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take  
20 effect October 1, 2002.