

BY: Environmental Matters Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1250

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 2, strike beginning with “major” in line 27 down through “harm” in line 28 and substitute “a risk of irreversible ecological and economic impacts”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 3, in line 22, strike “SATISFIED” and substitute “MET”; in line 23, strike “AND”; in line 24, strike “PRIORITIES” and substitute “RECOMMENDATIONS”; and in line 28, strike “SATISFIED” and substitute “MET; AND”

(III) A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT CONDUCTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RECOMMENDATIONS SPECIFIED IN SUBPARAGRAPHS (I) AND (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH HAS BEEN COMPLETED; AND

(IV) AN INDEPENDENT OYSTER ADVISORY PANEL OF SCIENTIFIC EXPERTS APPOINTED BY THE SECRETARY HAS:

1. REVIEWED AND APPROVED THE SUFFICIENCY OF THE DATA AND ASSESSMENTS USED TO IDENTIFY THE ECOLOGICAL AND ECONOMIC RISKS AND BENEFITS OF INTRODUCING A NONNATIVE OYSTER INTO STATE WATERS AND THE DEGREE OF RISK ASSOCIATED WITH IMPLEMENTING EACH OYSTER RESTORATION ALTERNATIVE IDENTIFIED IN THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT PREPARED IN ACCORDANCE WITH ITEM (III) OF THIS PARAGRAPH; AND

2. IDENTIFIED ANY ADDITIONAL RESEARCH THAT THE PANEL RECOMMENDS TO REDUCE THE LEVEL OF RISK AND UNCERTAINTY”.