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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Fish and Fisheries - Seafood - Aquaculture**

3 FOR the purpose of renaming the Seafood Marketing Authority within the
 4 Department of Agriculture to be the Seafood Marketing and Aquaculture
 5 Development Program; renaming and altering the duties of the Aquaculture
 6 Advisory Committee within the ~~State Department of Agriculture~~; establishing
 7 and providing for the duties of the Aquaculture Review Board within the
 8 Department; establishing and providing for the duties of the Seafood Program
 9 Management Team within the Department; establishing and providing for the
 10 duties of the Innovative Seafood Technologies Program within the Department;
 11 establishing and providing for the duties of an Aquaculture Coordinator within
 12 the Department; requiring the Department of Natural Resources to take certain
 13 measures to increase the productivity or utility of the natural oyster bars of the
 14 State; requiring, on or before a certain date, the Tidal Fisheries Advisory
 15 Commission within the Department of Natural Resources to conduct certain
 16 activities and to, in accordance with certain laws, issue a report to certain
 17 legislative committees; making certain technical changes; providing for the
 18 termination of a certain provision of this Act; and generally relating to the
 19 management of seafood resources in the State.

20 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
 21 Article - Agriculture
 22 Section 2-102(c)
 23 Annotated Code of Maryland
 24 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

25 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

1 Article - Agriculture
2 Section 2-106(a), 10-1001, 10-1002, 10-1301, and 10-1302
3 Annotated Code of Maryland
4 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

5 BY adding to
6 Article - Agriculture
7 Section 10-10A-01 to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 10A. Seafood Program
8 Management Team"; 10-10B-01 to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle
9 10B. Innovative Seafood Technologies Program"; and 10-1302
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
13 Article - Natural Resources
14 Section 4-204(a) and 4-1103(a)
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (2000 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

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

19 **Article - Agriculture**

20 2-102.

21 (c) The Secretary, with the approval of the Governor, shall appoint a deputy
22 secretary who has the duties provided by law or delegated by the Secretary. The
23 deputy secretary serves at the pleasure of the Secretary and shall receive the salary
24 provided in the State budget.

25 2-106.

26 (a) The following positions and units are included within the Department:

- 27 (1) The Tobacco Authority of the State of Maryland;
28 (2) The Maryland Agricultural Fair Board;
29 (3) The Chief of Weights and Measures;
30 (4) The State Chemist;
31 (5) The State Veterinarian;
32 (6) The State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners;
33 (7) The State Soil Conservation Committee;

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1 (8) The Board of Review of the Department of Agriculture;

2 (9) The Maryland Agricultural Commission;

3 (10) The Maryland Horse Industry Board;

4 (11) The Seafood Marketing [Authority] AND AQUACULTURE
5 DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM and Division of Market Development;

6 (12) The Seafood Marketing Advisory Commission;

7 (13) The Maryland Winery and Grape Growers' Advisory Board; [and]

8 (14) [Aquaculture Advisory Committee] THE AQUACULTURE REVIEW
9 BOARD; AND

10 (15) THE AQUACULTURE COORDINATING COUNCIL.

11 10-1001.

12 (a) There is a Seafood Marketing [Authority] AND AQUACULTURE
13 DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM and a Division of Market Development.

14 (b) The Seafood Marketing [Authority] AND AQUACULTURE DEVELOPMENT
15 PROGRAM and Division of Market Development shall be part of the Department of
16 Agriculture.

17 (c) The Seafood Marketing [Authority] AND AQUACULTURE DEVELOPMENT
18 PROGRAM and Division of Market Development shall have the powers, duties,
19 responsibilities, and functions provided in the laws of this State.

20 10-1002.

21 (a) There is a Seafood Marketing Fund.

22 (b) The Fund may receive proceeds from activities conducted by the Seafood
23 Marketing [Authority] AND AQUACULTURE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM. These
24 activities may include cookbook sales, poster sales, seafood festivals, and similar
25 activities.

26 (c) The Secretary shall adopt regulations to administer the Seafood Marketing
27 Fund.

28 SUBTITLE 10A. SEAFOOD PROGRAM MANAGEMENT TEAM.

29 10-10A-01.

30 (A) THERE IS A SEAFOOD PROGRAM MANAGEMENT TEAM TO BE
31 ADMINISTERED BY THE MARYLAND COOPERATIVE EXTENSION.

32 (B) THE TEAM SHALL:

1 (1) ESTABLISH AND MONITOR A GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE
2 IMPLEMENTATION OF APPROPRIATE PROJECTS THAT SUPPORT THE ECONOMIC
3 HEALTH OF THE MARYLAND SEAFOOD INDUSTRY;

4 (2) PRIORITIZE, SELECT FOR FUNDING, AND OVERSEE SEAFOOD
5 INDUSTRY PROJECTS UNDER A RAPID RESPONSE STRUCTURE; AND

6 (3) EXAMINE NEW TECHNOLOGIES, EQUIPMENT, RAW AND
7 VALUE-ADDED PRODUCTS, FEASIBILITY STUDIES, AND MARKET DEVELOPMENT AND
8 COST CONTROL STRATEGIES.

9 (C) THE TEAM SHALL CONSIST OF THE FOLLOWING ~~47~~ 18 INDIVIDUALS
10 APPOINTED BY THE DEPARTMENT:

11 (1) ~~4~~ 12 MEMBERS INCLUDING:

12 (I) 1 HOLDER OF A TIDAL FISHERIES LICENSE;

13 (II) 1 CRAB PROCESSOR;

14 (III) 1 OYSTER PACKER;

15 (IV) 1 SURF CLAM PROCESSOR;

16 (V) 1 FINFISH PROCESSOR;

17 (VI) 1 VALUE-ADDED PROCESSOR;

18 (VII) 1 WHOLESALE DISTRIBUTOR;

19 (VIII) 1 SEAFOOD DISTRIBUTOR;

20 (IX) 1 AQUAFARMER;

21 (X) 1 REPRESENTATIVE OF THE CHESAPEAKE BAY SEAFOOD
22 INDUSTRIES ASSOCIATION; ~~AND~~

23 (XI) 1 REPRESENTATIVE OF THE MARYLAND WATERMEN'S
24 ASSOCIATION; AND

25 ~~(XII)~~ 1 REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SEAFOOD MARKETING ADVISORY
26 COMMISSION; AND

27 (2) 6 ADVISORS, INCLUDING 1 REPRESENTATIVE EACH FROM:

28 (I) THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, COLLEGE PARK;

29 (II) THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, EASTERN SHORE;

30 (III) THE DEPARTMENT;

1 (IV) THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT;

2 (V) THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES; AND

3 (VI) THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE.

4 (D) (1) (I) TEAM MEMBERS SHALL SELECT THE CHAIR FROM AMONG THE
5 TEAM MEMBERS.

6 (II) ONLY TEAM MEMBERS MAY VOTE IN THE SELECTION OF
7 PROJECTS TO BE FUNDED.

8 (2) AT THE INVITATION OF THE MEMBERS, TEAM ADVISORS MAY ASSIST
9 WITH PROJECT DESIGN, PROPOSAL PREPARATION, AND PROJECT-RELATED
10 RESEARCH.

11 (E) IF A PROJECT IS FUNDED BY THE TEAM, THE TEAM SHALL MAKE PUBLIC
12 THE PROJECT'S DESIGN AND RESULTS ON THE DEPARTMENT'S WEBSITE AND BY
13 OTHER METHODS DETERMINED BY THE TEAM OR AS REQUIRED BY LAW.

14 SUBTITLE 10B. INNOVATIVE SEAFOOD TECHNOLOGIES PROGRAM.

15 10-10B-01.

16 (A) THERE IS AN INNOVATIVE SEAFOOD TECHNOLOGIES PROGRAM.

17 (B) THE PROGRAM SHALL:

18 (1) WITH INDUSTRY AND OTHER RELEVANT PARTNERS, EVALUATE
19 ~~EACH CORE MARYLAND FISHERY~~ EXISTING AND INNOVATIVE SEAFOOD
20 TECHNOLOGIES TO DETERMINE THE NATURE AND EXTENT OF LIMITATIONS ON
21 EXPANSION AND PROFITABILITY AND TO IDENTIFY POTENTIAL STRATEGIES FOR
22 GROWTH;

23 (2) CONDUCT APPLIED STUDIES, INCLUDING COMPARISONS OF
24 ALTERNATIVE PROCESSING METHODS ~~OR SPECIES SUBSTITUTION~~, TO DETERMINE
25 EFFECTIVE AND EFFICIENT METHODS TO EXPAND THE PRODUCTION AND
26 PROFITABILITY OF ~~THE CORE MARYLAND FISHERIES~~ MARYLAND SEAFOOD;

27 (3) CONDUCT MARKET TESTS TO DETERMINE NEW PRODUCT
28 ACCEPTABILITY AND POTENTIAL DEMAND;

29 (4) AS APPROPRIATE, IMPLEMENT PILOT PROJECTS AND SMALL
30 COMMERCIAL DEMONSTRATIONS TO RESOLVE ANY OUTSTANDING QUALITY OR
31 PRODUCTION ISSUES AND TO EDUCATE INDUSTRY REPRESENTATIVES,
32 REGULATORS, AND OTHER PARTNERS;

33 (5) SUPPORT THE SEAFOOD INDUSTRY IN ITS EFFORTS TO IMPLEMENT
34 INNOVATIVE PROCEDURES AND TO COMPLY WITH ASSOCIATED REGULATIONS; AND

1 (6) ENHANCE THE AWARENESS OF INNOVATIVE PRODUCTS AND
2 PROGRAMS AMONG COMMERCIAL BUYERS AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC.

3 (C) AS APPROPRIATE, THE PROGRAM SHALL UTILIZE THE EXPERTISE OF
4 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SEAFOOD PROGRAM MANAGEMENT TEAM, THE SEAFOOD
5 INDUSTRY, INCLUDING SEAFOOD HARVESTERS, PRODUCERS, PROCESSORS, BUYERS,
6 AND FOOD INDUSTRY SUPPLIERS, AND GOVERNMENT AND RELATED ACADEMIC
7 FIELDS.

8 10-1301.

9 (a) (1) The General Assembly defines aquaculture as an agricultural
10 activity.

11 (2) "Aquaculture" includes the commercial rearing of finfish, shellfish,
12 and aquatic plants for sale, trade, barter, or shipment.

13 (b) It is the intent of the General Assembly to create [an advisory committee]:

14 (1) AN AQUACULTURE REVIEW BOARD AND AN AQUACULTURE
15 COORDINATING COUNCIL to promote the development of an aquaculture industry in
16 this State; AND

17 (2) AN AQUACULTURE COORDINATOR TO ASSIST PERSONS IN
18 OBTAINING THE PERMITS AND LICENSES NECESSARY TO CONDUCT AQUACULTURE
19 IN THE STATE.

20 (c) The Maryland Department of Agriculture is the lead agency for
21 [promoting]:

22 (1) PROMOTING, coordinating, and marketing aquaculture and
23 aquaculture products; AND

24 (2) COORDINATING AND STREAMLINING THE PROCESS OF APPLYING
25 FOR A STATE AQUACULTURE PERMIT.

26 (d) The Department of Natural Resources is responsible for enforcement of
27 laws, regulations, and rules.

28 (e) The University of Maryland is the lead agency for research in aquaculture
29 production and shall be responsible for development of education and extension
30 programs which promote aquaculture as an industry.

31 10-1302.

32 (A) THERE IS AN AQUACULTURE REVIEW BOARD.

33 (B) THE REVIEW BOARD SHALL CONSIST OF THE FOLLOWING 5 MEMBERS,
34 EACH OF WHOM SHALL REPRESENT ONE OF THE FOLLOWING STATE DEPARTMENTS
35 CHARGED WITH RESPONSIBILITY FOR AN ASPECT OF THE STATE AQUACULTURE
36 PERMITTING PROCESS OR OVERSIGHT OF PERMIT COMPLIANCE:

1 (1) THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, TO BE REPRESENTED BY THE
2 AQUACULTURE COORDINATOR, WHO SHALL SERVE AS CHAIR;

3 (2) 1 REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT,
4 DESIGNATED BY THE SECRETARY OF THE ENVIRONMENT;

5 (3) 1 REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL
6 HYGIENE, DESIGNATED BY THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE;

7 (4) 1 REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES,
8 DESIGNATED BY THE SECRETARY OF NATURAL RESOURCES; AND

9 (5) 1 REPRESENTATIVE OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS.

10 (C) (1) THE AQUACULTURE COORDINATOR SHALL BE THE SINGLE POINT OF
11 CONTACT FOR AN APPLICANT FOR ALL PERMITS AND LICENSES NECESSARY TO
12 CONDUCT AQUACULTURE IN THE STATE.

13 (2) THE REVIEW BOARD SHALL:

14 (I) COORDINATE THE DEVELOPMENT OF STATEWIDE
15 AQUACULTURE POLICY AND, TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT FEASIBLE, THE
16 STREAMLINING OF THE APPLICATION PROCESS;

17 (II) TRACK EACH APPLICATION AS IT PROGRESSES THROUGH EACH
18 DEPARTMENT; AND

19 (III) ENSURE FULL AND MEANINGFUL DEPARTMENTAL
20 COMMUNICATION WITH AN APPLICANT DURING EACH STAGE OF THE APPLICATION
21 PROCESS.

22 [10-1302.] 10-1303.

23 (a) There is an Aquaculture [Advisory Committee] COORDINATING COUNCIL.

24 (b) The [Advisory Committee] COORDINATING COUNCIL shall consist of [21]
25 THE FOLLOWING ~~46~~ 17 members:

26 (1) 1 member of the Maryland Senate designated by the President of the
27 Senate;

28 (2) 1 member of the Maryland House of Delegates designated by the
29 Speaker of the House;

30 (3) 1 representative of the Department of Agriculture designated by the
31 Secretary of Agriculture;

32 (4) 1 representative of the Department of Natural Resources Police
33 designated by the Secretary of Natural Resources;

1 (5) 1 representative of the Department of Natural Resources, [Tidewater
2 Administration] FISHERIES SERVICE, designated by the Secretary of Natural
3 Resources;

4 (6) [1 representative] 2 REPRESENTATIVES of the [College of
5 Agriculture at the] University of Maryland designated by the President of the
6 University of Maryland, College Park:

7 (I) 1 WITH EXPERTISE IN AQUACULTURE RESEARCH; AND

8 (II) 1 REPRESENTING THE MARYLAND COOPERATIVE EXTENSION;

9 (7) 1 representative of the Department of Business and Economic
10 Development designated by the Secretary of Business and Economic Development[,
11 who shall be a nonvoting member];

12 (8) 1 representative of the Department of the Environment designated
13 by the Secretary of the Environment[, who shall be a nonvoting member];

14 (9) 1 representative of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene
15 designated by the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene[, who shall be a nonvoting
16 member]; [and]

17 (10) [12 members appointed by the Governor:

18 (i) 5 who shall represent the aquaculture or agriculture industry;

19 (ii) 1 who shall represent the aquaculture supplier industry;

20 (iii) 1 who shall represent licensed Maryland seafood harvesters;

21 (iv) 2 who shall represent the wholesale and retail seafood industry;

22 (v) 1 who shall represent seafood consumers;

23 (vi) 1 who shall represent the scientific community; and

24 (vii) 1 member of the Boat Act Advisory Commission or the Tidal
25 Fisheries Advisory Commission] 3 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE AQUACULTURE
26 INDUSTRY DESIGNATED BY THE GOVERNOR; ~~AND~~

27 (11) 3 TIDAL FISHERIES LICENSED HARVESTERS, INCLUDING AT LEAST
28 ONE WHO IS A MEMBER OF THE MARYLAND WATERMEN'S ASSOCIATION DESIGNATED
29 BY THE GOVERNOR; ~~AND~~

30 (12) 1 REPRESENTATIVE DESIGNATED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE
31 UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND CENTER FOR ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE.

32 (c) (1) The [Advisory Committee] COORDINATING COUNCIL shall
33 [formulate]:

1 (I) FORMULATE and make proposals TO THE GOVERNOR AND, IN
2 ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE SENATE
3 EDUCATION, HEALTH, AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE AND THE HOUSE
4 ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS COMMITTEE ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 1 OF EACH YEAR
5 for advancing Maryland aquaculture, including recommendations for a fee structure
6 on aquaculture operations in order to reduce State expenditures on aquaculture
7 programs;

8 (II) ESTABLISH AND MONITOR A GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE
9 IMPLEMENTATION OF APPROPRIATE PROJECTS THAT SUPPORT THE ECONOMIC
10 HEALTH OF THE STATE AQUACULTURE INDUSTRY;

11 (III) CONDUCT APPLIED STUDIES OF PROJECTS AND PRODUCTS
12 THAT ~~MAY~~ WILL EXPAND THE AQUACULTURE INDUSTRY IN THE STATE;

13 (IV) CONDUCT MARKET TESTS TO DETERMINE ACCEPTABILITY AND
14 POTENTIAL DEMAND FOR NEW AQUACULTURE PRODUCTS;

15 (V) AS APPROPRIATE, IMPLEMENT PILOT PROJECTS AND SMALL
16 COMMERCIAL DEMONSTRATIONS TO RESOLVE ANY OUTSTANDING QUALITY OR
17 PRODUCTION ISSUES AND TO EDUCATE INDUSTRY REPRESENTATIVES,
18 REGULATORS, AND OTHER PARTNERS;

19 (VI) SUPPORT THE AQUACULTURE INDUSTRY IN ITS EFFORTS TO
20 IMPLEMENT INNOVATIVE PROCEDURES AND TO COMPLY WITH ASSOCIATED
21 REGULATIONS;

22 (VII) ENHANCE THE AWARENESS OF INNOVATIVE AQUACULTURE
23 PRODUCTS AND PROGRAMS AMONG COMMERCIAL BUYERS AND THE GENERAL
24 PUBLIC;

25 (VIII) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2006, DEVELOP BEST
26 MANAGEMENT PRACTICES THAT:

27 1. PROVIDE GUIDANCE FOR FRESHWATER AND MARINE
28 AQUACULTURE PERMITTING AND COMPLIANCE; AND

29 2. SERVE AS THE BASIS FOR THE ADOPTION OF STATE
30 REGULATIONS REGARDING TIDAL AND NONTIDAL AQUACULTURE;

31 (IX) INVESTIGATE AND, TO THE EXTENT FEASIBLE, ENHANCE THE
32 AREA OF ~~THE CHESAPEAKE BAY~~ STATE WATERS THAT IS AVAILABLE TO PRIVATE
33 LEASE FOR PURPOSES RELATED TO THE AQUACULTURE AND SEAFOOD INDUSTRIES;

34 (X) PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF ~~PREPERMITTED~~
35 AQUACULTURE ENTERPRISE ZONES IN THE CHESAPEAKE AND COASTAL BAYS, SO AS
36 TO:

37 1. STREAMLINE THE PERMITTING PROCESS IN THESE
38 ZONES;

1 2. PROVIDE INCENTIVES FOR PRIVATE INVESTMENT IN
2 LEASING OPERATIONS; AND
3 3. ENCOURAGE INDIVIDUALS WITH HISTORICAL RECORDS
4 IN THE COMMERCIAL FISHERY TO ADAPT THEIR EXPERTISE TO THE RAISING AND
5 HARVESTING OF SEAFOOD BY AQUACULTURE; AND

6 4. ~~UTILIZE AREAS THAT DO NOT IMPACT COMMERCIAL~~
7 ~~SEAFOOD HARVESTING; AND~~

8 (XI) ON A REGULAR BASIS, REVIEW STATE REGULATIONS
9 IMPACTING AQUACULTURE AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE AQUACULTURE
10 REVIEW BOARD REGARDING ANY NECESSARY OR ADVISABLE REGULATORY
11 CHANGES.

12 (2) THE COORDINATING COUNCIL MAY ESTABLISH SUBCOMMITTEES TO
13 PROVIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO THE COUNCIL, WITH SUBCOMMITTEE TOPICS
14 AND MEMBERSHIP AS THE COUNCIL DETERMINES TO BE APPROPRIATE.

15 (d) (1) The term of a member appointed by the Governor is 3 years.

16 (2) The terms of the members appointed by the Governor serving on July
17 1, [1988] 2006 expire as follows:

18 (i) [4] 2 members in [1989] 2007;

19 (ii) [4] 2 members in [1990] 2008; and

20 (iii) [4] 2 members in [1991] 2009.

21 (3) At the end of a term, a member continues to serve until a successor is
22 appointed and qualifies.

23 (4) A member who is appointed after a term begins serves only for the
24 rest of the term and until a successor is appointed and qualifies.

25 (5) An appointed member may not serve more than 2 consecutive terms.

26 (e) The Governor may remove a member for incompetence or misconduct.

27 (f) The [Advisory Committee] COORDINATING COUNCIL may elect from
28 among its [appointed] members a chairman, vice-chairman, secretary and other
29 officers it deems appropriate.

30 (g) The [Advisory Committee] COORDINATING COUNCIL shall determine the
31 time and place of its meetings.

32 (h) The members of the [Committee] COORDINATING COUNCIL may not
33 receive a salary, but shall be reimbursed for reasonable expenses incurred in
34 attending meetings and other [Committee] COUNCIL business, as provided under the
35 Standard State Travel Regulations.

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Article - Natural Resources

2 4-1103.

3 (a) The Department shall take measures which in its judgment seem best
 4 calculated to increase the productivity or utility of any part of the natural oyster bars
 5 of the State, INCLUDING:

6 (1) IDENTIFYING AND USING EFFECTIVE METHODS OF CLEANING
 7 DISEASED OYSTER BARS;

8 (2) PROVIDING CLEAN SHELL FOR THE BARS; AND

9 (3) USING HATCHERY PRODUCED OYSTERS TO REPLANT SITES.

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

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Article - Natural Resources

13 4-204.

14 (a) (1) There is a Tidal Fisheries Advisory Commission in the Department.

15 (2) The Commission is composed of up to 12 members appointed and
 16 serving in accordance with the procedures adopted under § 1-102(c) of this article.

17 (3) Up to eleven commercial watermen and one member of the Sports
 18 Fisheries Advisory Commission shall comprise the Commission.

19 (4) The term of a member is 2 years.

20 (5) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1, 2006, THE COMMISSION AND THE
 21 SPORT FISHERIES ADVISORY COMMISSION, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE
 22 DEPARTMENT ~~AND THE SPORT FISHERIES ADVISORY COMMISSION~~, SHALL:

23 ~~(F) DEVELOP A LONG TERM PROCESS TO DEFINE AND PRIORITIZE~~
 24 ~~SPECIFIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES, SO AS TO ENSURE THAT END-USE~~
 25 ~~CONSUMERS HAVE ACCESS TO SEAFOOD COMMERCIALY HARVESTED IN~~
 26 ~~MARYLAND;~~

27 ~~(H) WITHIN PRIORITY SPECIES, IDENTIFY APPROPRIATE~~
 28 ~~MANAGEMENT MEASURES AND PREFERRED STRATEGIES FOR THE MAXIMIZATION OF~~
 29 ~~A SUSTAINABLE RETURN AND MAKE THIS INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO STATE~~
 30 ~~OFFICIALS INVOLVED IN DECISION MAKING FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF THESE~~
 31 ~~SPECIES, STAKEHOLDERS, AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC;~~

32 (I) TO MAXIMIZE THE ACCESS TO AND THE BENEFIT OF A
 33 SUSTAINABLE AND ECOLOGICALLY SOUND FISHERY FOR ALL THE CITIZENS OF
 34 MARYLAND;

1 1. DEVELOP A LONG-TERM PROCESS TO DEFINE AND
2 PRIORITIZE SPECIFIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES; AND

3 2. WITHIN PRIORITY SPECIES, IDENTIFY APPROPRIATE
4 MANAGEMENT MEASURES AND PREFERRED STRATEGIES AND MAKE THOSE
5 MEASURES AND STRATEGIES AVAILABLE TO STATE OFFICIALS INVOLVED IN
6 DECISION MAKING FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF THOSE SPECIES, TO STAKEHOLDERS,
7 AND TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC;

8 ~~(H)~~ (II) REVIEW EXISTING REGULATIONS AND RECOMMEND
9 CHANGES AS APPROPRIATE; AND

10 ~~(V)~~ (III) REPORT ON THESE MATTERS TO THE GOVERNOR AND, IN
11 ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE SENATE
12 EDUCATION, HEALTH, AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE AND THE HOUSE
13 ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS COMMITTEE.

14 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
15 June 1, 2005. Section 2 of this Act shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and 7
16 months and, at the end of December 31, 2006, with no further action required by the
17 General Assembly, Section 2 of this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and
18 effect.