

BY: Environmental Matters Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1188
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, strike “- Oyster Seed Areas”; and strike beginning with “authorizing” in line 3 down through “requirements” in line 5 and substitute “requiring the Aquaculture Coordinating Council to make an investigation and provide a report to the Department of Natural Resources on or before a certain date relating to certain shellfish seed production, sale, and use and exempting aquaculture operations from certain harvesting restrictions; requiring the Department, in consultation with the Department of Agriculture, to adopt certain regulations”; and in line 7, strike “with” and substitute “without”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, strike in their entirety lines 15 through 22, inclusive, and substitute:

“SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

(a) the Aquaculture Coordinating Council established under § 10-1303 of the Agriculture Article shall investigate and provide recommendations to the Department of Natural Resources by December 31, 2006, on:

(1) the establishment of areas for shellfish seed production, sale, and use in accordance with the United States Food and Drug Administration’s National Shellfish Sanitation Program guidelines; and

(2) the feasibility and impacts of exempting aquaculture operations from harvesting restrictions for wild stocks of fish that are established by law or regulation, including:

(i) season restrictions;

(Over)

- (ii) catch limits;
- (iii) minimum size limits;

- (iv) quotas; and

- (v) method of harvest restrictions; and

(b) the Department of Natural Resources, in consultation with the Department of Agriculture, shall adopt regulations consistent with Title 4, Subtitle 11A of the Natural Resources Article that reflect the recommendations provided to the Department of Natural Resources under subsection (a) of this section.”;

in line 23, strike “2.” and substitute “3.”; and in line 24, strike “October” and substitute “June”.