

Chapter 82

**(House Bill 51)**

AN ACT concerning

**Natural Resources – Aquaculture Coordinating Council – Membership**

FOR the purpose of altering the membership of the Aquaculture Coordinating Council to include certain representatives of the nonprofit sector; making a stylistic change; and generally relating to the membership of the Aquaculture Coordinating Council.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
Article – Natural Resources  
Section 4–11A–03.2(a)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Article – Natural Resources  
Section 4–11A–03.2(b)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

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

**Article – Natural Resources**

4–11A–03.2.

- (a) There is an Aquaculture Coordinating Council.
- (b) The Coordinating Council shall consist of the following [17] members:
  - (1) 1 member of the Maryland Senate designated by the President of the Senate;
  - (2) 1 member of the Maryland House of Delegates designated by the Speaker of the House;
  - (3) 1 representative of the Department of Agriculture designated by the Secretary of Agriculture;
  - (4) 1 representative of the Department of Natural Resources Police designated by the Secretary of Natural Resources;

(5) 1 representative of the Department of Natural Resources, Fisheries Service, designated by the Secretary of Natural Resources;

(6) 2 representatives of the University of Maryland designated by the President of the University of Maryland, College Park:

(i) 1 with expertise in aquaculture research; and

(ii) 1 representing the Maryland Cooperative Extension;

(7) 1 representative of the Department of Economic Competitiveness and Commerce designated by the Secretary of Commerce;

(8) 1 representative of the Department of the Environment designated by the Secretary of the Environment;

(9) 1 representative of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene designated by the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene;

(10) 3 representatives of the aquaculture industry designated by the Governor;

(11) 3 tidal fisheries licensed harvesters, including at least one who is a member of the Maryland Watermen's Association designated by the Governor; [and]

(12) 1 representative designated by the President of the University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science;

**(13) 1 REPRESENTATIVE OF THE OYSTER RECOVERY PARTNERSHIP DESIGNATED BY THE OYSTER RECOVERY PARTNERSHIP; AND**

**(14) 1 REPRESENTATIVE OF THE MARYLAND FARM BUREAU DESIGNATED BY THE MARYLAND FARM BUREAU.**

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2016.

**Approved by the Governor, April 12, 2016.**