

May 24, 2019

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr.
President of the Senate
H-107 State House
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have vetoed Senate Bill 143 – *Cownose Ray Fishery Management Plan and Moratorium on Contests*.

This bill extends the deadline by which the Department of Natural Resources must prepare a fishery management plan for the cownose ray by two years, subject to funding made available for that purpose. This bill also continues the prohibition against a person sponsoring, conducting, or participating in a cownose ray fishing contest in State waters until the Department of Natural Resources prepares the required fishery management plan.

House Bill 213, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign Senate Bill 143.

Sincerely,

Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.
Governor