

Chapter 88

(Senate Bill 190)

AN ACT concerning

Tidal Fisheries Advisory Commission – Membership Term – Alteration

FOR the purpose of altering the term of the members of the Tidal Fisheries Advisory Commission; and generally relating to the Tidal Fisheries Advisory Commission.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Natural Resources

Section 4–204(a)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2018 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

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

Article – Natural Resources

4–204.

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

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

(3) (i) The Commission consists of:

1. Up to 14 commercial watermen;

2. One member of the Sport Fisheries Advisory Commission;

and

3. One representative of the aquaculture industry in the

State.

(ii) The composition of the Commission shall reflect the geographic regions of the State where the commercial fishing industry is operating.

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

(5) The terms of members are staggered as required by the terms provided for members of the Commission on July 1, 2015.

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

(7) A member who is appointed after a term has begun serves only for the rest of the term and until a successor is appointed and qualifies.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 1 of this Act applies only to members appointed on or after ~~July~~ February 1, ~~2022~~ 2023.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect ~~July~~ February 1, ~~2022~~ 2023.

Approved by the Governor, April 12, 2022.