

Larry Hogan, Governor Boyd Rutherford, Lt. Governor Jeannie Haddaway-Riccio, Secretary Charles Glass, Deputy Secretary

February 25, 2020

The Honorable Paul G. Pinsky Chair, Education, Health and Environmental Affairs Committee 2 West Miller Senate Office Building Annapolis, MD 21401

The Honorable Cheryl C. Kagan Vice Chair, Education, Health and Environmental Affairs Committee 2 West Miller Senate Office Building Annapolis, MD 21401

Re: Letter of Information – Senate 808 - Natural Resources – Fishery Management Plans – Oysters

Dear Chair Pinsky, Vice Chair Kagan and Committee Members:

The Department of Natural Resources respectfully requests that the General Assembly not move forward with any language that is disruptive of the process already in place. The new Oyster Advisory Commission is already moving forward and met on February 10, 2020 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM at the Anne Arundel Community College Center for Applied Learning and Technology (CALT), Conference Center- Room 100 West College Pkwy., Arnold, MD 21012. Furthermore, the department is already operating under the delayed dates as per guidance from the Office of the Attorney General on time frame changes when a bill veto is overridden.

For these reasons, the Maryland Department of Natural Resources respectfully submits to the Committee this information on Senate Bill 808.

Respectfully submitted, James W. McKitrick Director, Legislative and Constituent Services