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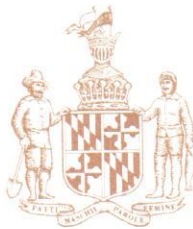
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## HB 1397-Recreational Striped Bass Fishery-Study on Harvest Data

Chairman Barve and members of the Environment & Transportation Committee

This bill requires the Department of Natural Resources to conduct a study on methods of obtaining more accurate harvest data for the recreational striped bass fishery. DNR must report its findings and recommendations to the Governor; the Senate Education, Health, and the Environment and Transportation Committee by December 1, 2020. The study must:

1. Examine the benefits that more accurate harvest data for the recreational striped bass fishery would have on the scientific and management capabilities of DNR with respect to the entire striped bass fishery.
2. Consider the types of information and level of detail that would be most beneficial for DNR to obtain.
3. Consider the advantages, disadvantages, and feasibility of implementing various methods for obtaining more accurate harvest data for the recreational striped bass fishery.
4. Recommend methods for obtaining more accurate harvest data for the recreational striped bass fishery.
5. Recommend any enforcement measures that would need to be implemented to support any recommended methods for obtaining more accurate harvest data.

Similar legislation was passed in 2014 but no changes were made as the result of the study. There is a 20.7% reduction recommended for this year's recreational striped bass fishing season and with an estimated 700,000 active recreational fishermen and women I believe that a better and more accurate reporting system would be prudent.

This bill takes effect June 1, 2020, and terminates May 31, 2021.

I ask for your favorable vote for HB1397