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MARINE RESOURCES**

February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021

To: Honorable Kumar P. Barve, Chairman  
Honorable Dana Stein, Vice Chairman  
Honorable Members of the House Environment and Transportation Committee

Re: House Bill 800 - Aquaculture Leases - Marking and Recording Requirements - Mobile Application

**CCA Maryland Position: SUPPORT**

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House Bill 800 requires Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to develop a mobile application that will allow users to understand their position on the water and the various uses which are permitted or prohibited in that location.

Development of such technology would assist anglers, watermen and other Bay users in ensuring that their actions are consistent with current regulations and statues. Knowledge of what is allowed is imperative to ensure that regulations consistent with the conservation and management of our shared natural resources and the protection of those which have been privately placed in aquaculture are effective and enforceable.

At this time, multiple apps, including the Access DNR app exist to provide users access to web-based information on what species may be harvested through recreational fishing, but we are unaware of any technology available through DNR that would allow a user to overlay their position with activities allowed in their location.

The DNR aquaculture siting tool currently provides for web browser-based use of a mapping system with multiple layers of information, but lacks mobile and location specific functionality at this time.

**For these reasons, we respectfully request a favorable vote on House Bill 800.**

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