

Good afternoon. My name is Earl (Sonny) Gwin

I am here today to testify on behalf of Senate Bill #537. As a lifelong commercial fisherman, I have seen changes to our environment, our fisheries, and our livelihood. An abundant amount of shrimp has been seen in Maryland waters, both the Atlantic Ocean and its tributaries.

We would like to have the opportunity to participate in this new fishery as well the opportunity to fish in the areas where the shrimp are located. We also believe that the data that could be collected in this fishery would be valuable, not only in the shrimp fishery, but could give insight into future stock shifts in other fisheries.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Senate Bill #537hrimp testify bill.