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Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee

Testimony in **SUPPORT** to **Senate Bill 537**

Department of Natural Resources – Shrimp Fishery Regulations - Clarification

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The Delmarva Fisheries Association (DFA) urges a **favorable** report on Senate Bill 537, which clarifies regulations to facilitate the formation of a pilot program in furtherance of establishing a commercial shrimp fishery in Maryland.

DFA represents over 80% of the commercial watermen in Maryland; individuals whose work and unique way of life spanning several generations depend upon sustainable harvests in a healthy Chesapeake Bay.

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