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## HB893-Tidal Fish Licenses-Oyster Revocations-Administrative Penalties

Dear Chairman, Korman, Vice Chair Boyce and members of the Environment & Transportation Committee:

I am introducing HB893, Tidal Fish Licenses-Oyster Revocations-Administrative Penalties. This legislation would suspend for certain time periods, rather than revoke, a person's oyster authorization for knowingly committing certain violations in the oyster fishery. This legislation would require reinstatement of a person's entitlement to engage in the oyster fishery under certain circumstances.

For a first violation, suspended up to 2 years and for a second violation, suspended for up to 10 years. Then the person would be eligible to be placed back in line for an oyster authorization. Currently there are approximately 65 already on the waiting list and those under this legislation would be placed at the back of the list currently waiting.

I ask for your favorable vote for HB893