

RESOLVED, That the Task Force report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly no later than January 1, 1984; and be it further

RESOLVED, That staff support be provided by the Department of Economic and Community Development; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Honorable Harry Hughes, Governor of Maryland; the Honorable Louis Goldstein, Comptroller of the Treasury; the Honorable John J. Corbley, Secretary of Licensing and Regulation, One South Calvert Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21202; the Honorable James O. Roberson, Secretary of Economic and Community Development, 2525 Riva Road, Annapolis, Maryland, 21401; and Mr. Peter J. Lombardi, President of Maryland Chamber of Commerce, Suite 405, 60 West Street, Annapolis, Maryland 21404.

Signed May 10, 1983.

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No. 21

(House Joint Resolution No. 30)

A House Joint Resolution concerning

Oysters - Study of MSX Problem

FOR the purpose of requesting the Department of Natural Resources to study the problems related to MSX on the oyster population in the waters of the State and recommend certain solutions to alleviate these problems.

Preamble

WHEREAS, The oyster population in the waters of this State provides a livelihood to oystermen in this State and is a valuable source of food that is enjoyed in this and other states; and

WHEREAS, The infestation of the disease MSX in the oyster population may kill tremendous numbers of oysters, thereby causing economic hardships that threaten the future existence of the oyster industry in this State; and

WHEREAS, Very few people know anything about MSX or how to control it, and a study would be helpful to understand fully the effect of MSX on the oyster populations in the waters of the State and its impact on the oyster industry in this State; now, therefore, be it