

4-734.

(a) A person may not sell, offer to buy or sell, or possess any of the following fish:

(9) Striped bass, less than 14 inches in length or measuring more than 32 inches. However, a person may possess one striped bass over 32 inches per day caught with hook and line in the tidal waters of the State at any time of the year except from March 1 to April 30 inclusive, which may not be sold or offered for sale. In any year that the young of the year striped bass index exceeds 15, the Department may permit by regulation during the 12-month period beginning April 1 of the following year, the possession, sale, or offer for sale of striped bass 12 inches in length;

(b) THE PROVISIONS OF SUBSECTION (A)(9) OF THIS SECTION DO NOT APPLY TO STRIPED BASS OR ROCKFISH OR HYBRIDS OF STRIPED BASS OR ROCKFISH THAT ARE BRED OR RAISED IN NONTIDAL AQUACULTURE ENTERPRISES.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

#### Article Natural Resources

4-2A-08.

(b)(1)(i) If the species of fish known as striped bass or rockfish, including hybrids thereof, is listed as threatened or endangered pursuant to the provisions of this subtitle, all prohibitions of this subtitle shall apply to any striped bass (or hybrid) located within the State whether or not the fish may have been taken lawfully in another state, except as authorized in this subsection.

(ii) THIS PARAGRAPH DOES NOT APPLY TO STRIPED BASS OR ROCKFISH OR HYBRIDS OF STRIPED BASS OR ROCKFISH THAT ARE BRED OR RAISED IN NONTIDAL AQUACULTURE ENTERPRISES.

(4) A person who holds a permit issued by the Secretary under § 4-2A-05(f) of this subtitle for aquaculture of striped bass or hybrids of striped bass may possess, raise, store, process, and transport them through this State for sale in another jurisdiction, according to regulations promulgated by the Secretary.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the provisions of Section 1 of this Act shall take effect July 1, 1989.