

WILLIAM DONALD SCHAEFER, Governor

~~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,-~~

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

~~SECTION-2.--AND-BE-IT-FURTHER-ENACTED,-That-this-Act---shall  
take-effect-January-1,-1990-~~

10-1301.

(A) (1) The General Assembly defines aquaculture as an agricultural activity.

(2) Aquaculture includes the commercial rearing of finfish, shellfish, and aquatic plants for sale, trade, barter, or shipment.

(B) It is the intent of the General Assembly to create an advisory committee to promote the development of an aquaculture industry in this State.

(C) The Maryland Department of Agriculture is the lead agency for promoting, coordinating, and marketing aquaculture and aquaculture products.

(D) The Department of Natural Resources is responsible for enforcement of laws, regulations, and rules.

(E) The University of Maryland is the lead agency for research in aquaculture production AND SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR DEVELOPMENT OF EDUCATION AND EXTENSION PROGRAMS WHICH PROMOTE AQUACULTURE AS AN INDUSTRY.

10-1302.

(a) There is an Aquaculture Advisory Committee.

(b) The Advisory Committee shall consist of [18] 21 members:

(1) 1 member of the Maryland Senate designated by the President of the Senate;

(2) 1 member of the Maryland House of Delegates designated by the Speaker of the House;