

Approved May 11, 1993.

CHAPTER 227

(Senate Bill 297)

AN ACT concerning

Fish - Croakers or Hardheads - Permissible Length for Sale or Possession

FOR the purpose of ~~decreasing to a certain length the permissible size of croakers or hardheads that a person may sell, offer to buy or sell, or possess~~ altering for a certain period of time the size limit for croakers that may be possessed by recreational fishermen in the State; adopting for a certain time certain possession limits for recreational fishermen; requiring that, after a certain time, for any manner of catches, limits will be promulgated in accordance with a certain management plan; requiring the Department of Natural Resources to conduct certain studies and make certain reports of results of these studies; deleting certain obsolete terminology; making this Act an emergency measure; and generally relating to the management of croakers.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Natural Resources

Section 4-734(a)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1989 Replacement Volume and 1992 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Natural Resources

4-734.

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

(1) Bass, largemouth or smallmouth less than 15 inches from March 1 through June 15, and less than 12 inches from June 16 through the end of February;

(2) Catfish, except bullheads, less than 10 inches;

(3) ~~Croakers or hardheads less than [10] 8 inches~~ CROAKERS:

(I) UNTIL JULY 1, 1995:

1. FOR COMMERCIAL CATCHES, LESS THAN 10 INCHES; AND

2. FOR RECREATIONAL CATCHES AND POSSESSION ONLY, LESS THAN 9 INCHES AND NOT MORE THAN 20 FISH PER DAY;