

In 1943 the Tidewater Fisheries Commission was granted discretionary power to make rules and regulations governing the methods of taking crabs. The approval of this Bill would result in the removal of this discretionary power from the Commission and would specifically limit the taking of crabs to the gears set forth in the Bill.

It is the opinion of the Commission that the provisions of the Bill, in the long run, would be detrimental to the industry and would seriously restrict the opportunities for crab conservation negotiations which might ultimately be carried on with the State of Virginia.

For these reasons, the Bill has been vetoed.

HOUSE BILL No. 307.

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 103 of Article 39 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "Fish and Fisheries", sub-title "Crabs", and to repeal Section 104 of said Article and sub-title, relating to the open season for taking crabs.

This Bill establishes a new season for the taking of crabs extending from April 1 to December 1. The present season is from May 1 to December 1, with discretionary power in the Tidewater Fisheries Commission to remove the month of November.

The Commission advises that there is little justification for an increase in the season at the present time. Through the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission an attempt has been made to work out regulations jointly between Maryland and Virginia. It is felt that approval of this Bill would, in part, defeat the efforts of that group to bring about closer coordination between the two States in the management of our crab fishery.

The Bill has, therefore, been vetoed.

DENTON

SENATE BILL No. 483

AN ACT to repeal Sections 125 to 162, inclusive, of Article 6 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland (1930 Edition), title "Caroline County", sub-title "Denton", and to enact 21 new sections in lieu thereof, amending the laws relating to the Town of Denton.

This Bill, which is designed to amend the Charter of the Town of Denton, authorizes the Town Commissioners to cause assessments to be made of all property subject to assessment