

received and credited to State Fisheries Management and Protection Fund. This coincides with long standing departmental practice. Setting it out will be convenient to the code user. Subsection (c) is proposed for deletion because it is obsolete.

The only other changes made are in style.

4-209. FISHERIES RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT FUND
CREATED AND CONTINUED.

THE FISHERIES RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT FUND IS CREATED AND CONTINUED WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT. ANY MONEY THE STATE COMPTROLLER RECEIVES UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THIS TITLE FROM COMMERCIAL LICENSE FEES, TAXES, AND ROYALTIES PAID TO THE STATE FOR OYSTER SHELLS AND CLAM SHELLS REMOVED FROM THE BOTTOM BENEATH THE TIDAL WATERS OF THE STATE, OR ANY SOURCE, TOGETHER WITH ANY FINE OR FORFEITURE COLLECTED PURSUANT TO §4-1202[[(A)]] OF THIS TITLE, SHALL BE CREDITED TO THE FISHERIES RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT FUND. THE FUND SHALL BE USED FOR REPLENISHING FISHERIES RESOURCES, [[MARKETING FISHERIES PRODUCTS AND]] RELATED RESEARCH, AND TO MATCH FEDERAL FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT OF FISHERIES RESOURCES.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived from Article 66C, section 716 of the Code, as amended by Chapter 331, H.B. 974, Acts of 1973. It is convenient to set forth the creation of this fund initially in this title.

4-210. AUTHORITY TO PROTECT ENDANGERED SPECIES OF FISH.

(A) LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS. - THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS THAT CERTAIN FISH ARE ENDANGERED AND ARE ENTITLED TO PRESERVATION AND PROTECTION AS A MATTER OF GENERAL STATE CONCERN. THE FEDERAL ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT OF 1969, 16U.S.C. §668AA-1 ET SEQ., AND THE LACEY ACT, 18 U.S.C. §§42-44, TOGETHER PROVIDE FOR PROTECTION OF FISH THREATENED WITH WORLDWIDE EXTINCTION BY PROHIBITING IMPORTATION OF ENDANGERED FISH, AND BY RESTRICTING AND REGULATING INTERSTATE AND FOREIGN COMMERCE IN FISH CAUGHT IN VIOLATION OF STATE, FEDERAL, AND FOREIGN LAWS. THE STATES, HOWEVER, ALSO MUST ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY TO CONSERVE ENDANGERED FISH BY RESTRICTING THE CATCHING, POSSESSING, TRANSPORTING,