

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section 4-1106(b) of Article - Natural Resources, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1973 Volume) be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

Article - Natural Resources

4-1106.

(b) (1) The Department shall have licensed oystermen select a committee of five representative licensed tongers, who earn their livelihood by catching oysters, for each tidewater county of the State. When planting shells or seed oysters or closing or reserving any tonging area, the Department shall confer with and procure the advice of the Committee of Oystermen for the county adjacent or nearest to the area.

(2) THE FISHERIES ADMINISTRATION SHALL SUBMIT AN ANNUAL SUMMARY OF THE [[OYSTER REPLETION]] FISHERIES RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT FUND, WHICH SHALL INCLUDE AN ACCOUNTING OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES, TO THE COMMITTEE OF OYSTERMEN IN EACH COUNTY.

(3) A similar advisory committee of five licensed dredgers shall be selected to confer and advise in the propagation of oysters in the dredging areas. When a vacancy occurs because a member is unable or unwilling to serve and this vacancy is not filled by the licensed oystermen of the particular county within 30 days after the vacancy occurs, the Department shall make the necessary appointments to fill each vacancy. When the committee members are selected or when any vacancy is filled, the Department shall promptly notify the members of the General Assembly from the county of the names of the committee members selected or appointed to fill a vacancy in that county.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1974.

Approved March 28, 1974.

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CHAPTER 101

(House Bill 689)

AN ACT concerning