

of articles used in violation of this Act; and generally relating to the conservation and protection of endangered species of fish.

BY repealing

Article - Natural Resources  
Section 4-210  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1974 Volume and 1974 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article - Natural Resources  
Section 4-2A01 through 4-2A09, inclusive, to be under the new subtitle "2A. The Endangered Species of Fish Conservation Act"  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1974 Volume and 1974 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section 4-210 of Article - Natural Resources, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1974 Volume and 1974 Supplement) be and it is hereby repealed:

Article - Natural Resources

[4-210.

(a) 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, 16 U.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, processing, or selling endangered fish within their respective jurisdictions to assure continued survival and propagation of endangered fish for the aesthetic, recreational, and scientific purposes of future generations. The General Assembly finds that by eliminating the catching, possessing, transporting, processing or selling endangered species of fish in the State, and by establishing a program for conservation and restoration of these endangered species, their potential for continued existence can be