

not exceeding \$1,000.

(2) Any officer employed and authorized by the Secretary, or any State, county or municipal law enforcement officer within the State may execute a warrant to search for and seize any goods, business records, merchandise, or fish caught, employed, used, or possessed in connection with a violation of this section. The officer or agent may arrest any person without a warrant if he has probable cause to believe the person is committing in his presence or view a violation of this section or any rule or regulation issued pursuant to it. The officer or agent who has made an arrest of a person in connection with any violation may search the person or premises at the time of arrest and seize any fish, records, or property taken, used or employed in connection with the violation.

(3) An officer or agent of the Department shall hold any goods, merchandise, fish, or records which have been seized and dispose of them pursuant to §§ 4-1203 and 4-1204 of this title. However, the Secretary may direct the transfer of fish seized to a qualified zoological, educational, or scientific institution for safekeeping, with costs assessable to the defendant.]

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That new Sections 4-2A01 through 4-2A09, inclusive, to be under the new subtitle "2A. The Endangered Species of Fish Conservation Act" be and they are hereby added to Article - Natural Resources, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1974 Volume and 1974 Supplement) to read as follows:

Article - Natural Resources

2A. THE ENDANGERED SPECIES OF FISH CONSERVATION ACT
4-2A01.

(A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(B) "CONSERVE" MEANS TO USE ALL METHODS AND PROCEDURES FOR THE PURPOSE OF INCREASING THE NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS WITHIN SPECIES OR POPULATIONS UP TO THE OPTIMUM CARRYING CAPACITY OF THEIR HABITAT AND MAINTAINING THESE LEVELS. THESE METHODS AND PROCEDURES INCLUDE ALL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATED WITH SCIENTIFIC RESOURCES MANAGEMENT SUCH AS RESEARCH, CENSUS, LAW ENFORCEMENT, HABITAT ACQUISITION AND MAINTENANCE, PROPAGATION, LIVE TRAPPING, AND TRANSPLANTATION, INCLUDING THE PERIODIC OR TOTAL PROTECTION OF SPECIES OR POPULATIONS AS WELL AS REGULATED TAKING. WITH RESPECT TO ENDANGERED AND THREATENED SPECIES, THE TERM MEANS TO USE