

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1981.

Approved April 28, 1981.

CHAPTER 177

(House Bill 842)

AN ACT concerning

Soft-Shell Clams - Harvesting Areas

FOR the purpose of conforming conflicting provisions in the Natural Resources Article by amending § 4-1037(5) of that Article to increase the areas in which soft-shell clams may be harvested in St. Mary's County; and repealing a provision under another section that then becomes duplicative of § 4-1037(5).

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Natural Resources
Section 4-1037(5)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1974 Volume and 1980 Supplement)

BY repealing

Article - Natural Resources
Section 4-1038(a)(6)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1974 Volume and 1980 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows:

Article - Natural Resources

4-1037.

A person may not catch or attempt to catch soft-shell clams with a hydraulic clam dredge or any other gear except hand-held tools such as shovels and hoes in the following areas:

(5) Within 50 feet of the mean high watermark of any shoreline in Calvert, Queen Anne's, Talbot, or Somerset counties; [or] within 300 feet in Anne Arundel, Dorchester, OR Kent[, or St. Mary's] counties; OR WITHIN 150 FEET IN ST. MARY'S COUNTY;