

Approved June 1, 1982.

CHAPTER 584

(Senate Bill 1081)

AN ACT concerning

Cecil and Kent Counties - Gunning Rigs
in the Sassafras River

FOR the purpose of prohibiting a gunning rig and certain craft connected with a rig from being on certain portions of the Sassafras River in Cecil and Kent counties at certain times on a gunning day; defining certain limits on the Sassafras River; and providing certain penalties for violation of this Act.

BY adding to

Article - Natural Resources
Section 10-624
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1974 Volume and 1981 Supplement)

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

Article - Natural Resources

10-624.

(A) IN THIS SECTION, "RIVER" MEANS THE PORTION OF THE SASSAFRAS RIVER AND ITS TRIBUTARIES LYING EAST OF A LINE DRAWN SOUTH FROM GROVE POINT IN CECIL COUNTY TO A POINT ON THE NORTHERLY SHORE OF KENT COUNTY JUST EAST OF BETTERTON AND WEST OF 75° 58' 45" OF LONGITUDE.

(B) A GUNNING RIG OR ANY CRAFT CONNECTED WITH A RIG, WHETHER OR NOT ANCHORED, MAY NOT BE ON THE RIVER BEFORE 3:15 A.M. LOCAL STANDARD TIME ON ANY GUNNING DAY.

(C) IN ADDITION TO ANY PENALTY PROVIDED IN THIS TITLE, A NATURAL RESOURCES POLICE OFFICER OR ANY OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER WHO FINDS A GUNNING RIG OR ANY OTHER CRAFT THAT VIOLATES SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION SHALL SEIZE THE GUNNING RIG OR CRAFT AND REMOVE IT FROM THE RIVER. ANY CRAFT SEIZED UNDER THIS SECTION MAY NOT BE RETURNED TO THE RIVER UNTIL A COURT HAS HEARD AND DETERMINED THE CASE.