

CHAPTER 567

(House Bill 302)

AN ACT concerning

Catching Soft-Shell Clams - Kent County and Anne Arundel County

FOR the purpose of amending a certain distance from the high watermark in Kent County and Anne Arundel County within which soft-shell clams may be caught; and generally relating to the catching of soft-shell clams in Kent County and Anne Arundel County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Natural Resources
Section 4-1037(5)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1974 Volume and 1982 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland 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, Kent, Talbot, or Somerset counties, within 300 feet in Anne Arundel, } OR Dorchester, } or Kent } counties, or within 150 feet in St. Mary's County OR KENT COUNTIES;~~

(5) (I) Within 50 feet of the mean high watermark of any shoreline in Calvert, Queen Anne's, Talbot, or Somerset counties;

(II) [within] WITHIN 300 feet in [Anne Arundel,] Dorchester [, or Kent counties] COUNTY; or

(III) [within] WITHIN 150 feet in ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, St. Mary's County, OR KENT COUNTY DOWNRIVER FROM NICHOLS POINT AT THE EASTERN SIDE OF THE MOUTH OF LANGFORD CREEK AND WITHIN 300 FEET UPRIVER FROM NICHOLS POINT;

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1983.