

(2) The Commission is composed of up to 12 members appointed and serving in accordance with the procedures adopted under § 1-102(c) of this article.

(3) Up to eleven commercial watermen and one member of the Sports Fisheries Advisory Commission shall comprise the Commission.

(4) The term of a member is 2 years.

(5) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1, 2006, THE COMMISSION AND THE SPORT FISHERIES ADVISORY COMMISSION, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT AND THE SPORT FISHERIES ADVISORY COMMISSION, SHALL:

~~(I) DEVELOP A LONG TERM PROCESS TO DEFINE AND PRIORITIZE SPECIFIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES, SO AS TO ENSURE THAT END USE CONSUMERS HAVE ACCESS TO SEAFOOD COMMERCIALY HARVESTED IN MARYLAND;~~

~~(II) WITHIN PRIORITY SPECIES, IDENTIFY APPROPRIATE MANAGEMENT MEASURES AND PREFERRED STRATEGIES FOR THE MAXIMIZATION OF A SUSTAINABLE RETURN AND MAKE THIS INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO STATE OFFICIALS INVOLVED IN DECISION MAKING FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF THESE SPECIES, STAKEHOLDERS, AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC;~~

(I) TO MAXIMIZE THE ACCESS TO AND THE BENEFIT OF A SUSTAINABLE AND ECOLOGICALLY SOUND FISHERY FOR ALL THE CITIZENS OF MARYLAND:

1. DEVELOP A LONG-TERM PROCESS TO DEFINE AND PRIORITIZE SPECIFIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES; AND

2. WITHIN PRIORITY SPECIES, IDENTIFY APPROPRIATE MANAGEMENT MEASURES AND PREFERRED STRATEGIES AND MAKE THOSE MEASURES AND STRATEGIES AVAILABLE TO STATE OFFICIALS INVOLVED IN DECISION MAKING FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF THOSE SPECIES, TO STAKEHOLDERS, AND TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC;

~~(III)~~ (II) REVIEW EXISTING REGULATIONS AND RECOMMEND CHANGES AS APPROPRIATE; AND

~~(IV)~~ (III) REPORT ON THESE MATTERS TO THE GOVERNOR AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE SENATE EDUCATION, HEALTH, AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE AND THE HOUSE ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS COMMITTEE.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2005. Section 2 of this Act shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and 7 months and, at the end of December 31, 2006, with no further action required by the General Assembly, Section 2 of this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

Approved May 10, 2005.