

- (i) 5 who shall represent the aquaculture or agriculture industry;
- (ii) 1 who shall represent the aquaculture supplier industry;
- (iii) 1 who shall represent licensed Maryland seafood harvesters;
- (iv) 2 who shall represent the wholesale and retail seafood industry;
- (v) 1 who shall represent seafood consumers;
- (vi) 1 who shall represent the scientific community; and

(vii) 1 member of the Boat Act Advisory Commission or the Tidal Fisheries Advisory Commission] 3 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE AQUACULTURE INDUSTRY DESIGNATED BY THE GOVERNOR; ~~AND~~

(11) 3 TIDAL FISHERIES LICENSED HARVESTERS, INCLUDING AT LEAST ONE WHO IS A MEMBER OF THE MARYLAND WATERMEN'S ASSOCIATION DESIGNATED BY THE GOVERNOR; AND

(12) 1 REPRESENTATIVE DESIGNATED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND CENTER FOR ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE.

(c) (1) The [Advisory Committee] COORDINATING COUNCIL shall [formulate]:

(I) FORMULATE and make proposals 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 ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 1 OF EACH YEAR for advancing Maryland aquaculture, including recommendations for a fee structure on aquaculture operations in order to reduce State expenditures on aquaculture programs;

(II) ESTABLISH AND MONITOR A GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF APPROPRIATE PROJECTS THAT SUPPORT THE ECONOMIC HEALTH OF THE STATE AQUACULTURE INDUSTRY;

(III) CONDUCT APPLIED STUDIES OF PROJECTS AND PRODUCTS THAT ~~MAY~~ WILL EXPAND THE AQUACULTURE INDUSTRY IN THE STATE;

(IV) CONDUCT MARKET TESTS TO DETERMINE ACCEPTABILITY AND POTENTIAL DEMAND FOR NEW AQUACULTURE PRODUCTS;

(V) AS APPROPRIATE, IMPLEMENT PILOT PROJECTS AND SMALL COMMERCIAL DEMONSTRATIONS TO RESOLVE ANY OUTSTANDING QUALITY OR PRODUCTION ISSUES AND TO EDUCATE INDUSTRY REPRESENTATIVES, REGULATORS, AND OTHER PARTNERS;

(VI) SUPPORT THE AQUACULTURE INDUSTRY IN ITS EFFORTS TO IMPLEMENT INNOVATIVE PROCEDURES AND TO COMPLY WITH ASSOCIATED REGULATIONS;