

(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.

May 20, 2005

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr.
President of the Senate
State House
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, today I have