

reaches; designating certain other areas of the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries in which certain gear may not be used during certain seasons; defining certain terms; prohibiting the taking, sale, or possession of striped bass of certain sizes and during certain seasons which are caught in certain State waters; providing for certain exceptions; limiting to a certain number the striped bass which may be taken by noncommercial fishermen; requiring the return to the water of striped bass caught by certain methods; providing that this Act does not repeal or replace certain other provisions of law or regulation; making this Act an emergency measure; providing for the effect of this Act on certain Natural Resources laws, rules, and regulations; and generally relating to the conservation management of striped bass in the State.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article - Natural Resources
Section 4-731 and 4-734(a)(8)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1983 Replacement Volume and 1983 Supplement)

~~BY-adding-to~~

~~Article---Natural-Resources
Section-4-731-1
Annotated-Code-of-Maryland
(1983-Replacement-Volume-and-1983-Supplement)~~

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Natural Resources

4-731.

(a) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, a person may not sell, offer for sale, or transport across a boundary of the State any striped bass, commonly known as rockfish, caught from the State waters of the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries unless the person has in his possession one of the following:

(i) A valid commercial fishing license issued in his name;

(ii) A dated bill of sale signed by the licensed commercial fisherman who caught the fish; or

(iii) A dated bill of sale signed by a dealer or wholesaler from whom the fish were purchased.