

the tidal waters of the State at any time of the year except from March 1 to April 30 inclusive, which may not be sold or offered for sale. In any year that the young-of-the-year striped bass index exceeds 15, the Department may permit by regulation during the 12 month period beginning April 1 of the following year, the possession, sale, or offer for sale of striped bass 12 inches in length.

~~SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect on January 1, 1985, contingent upon the young-of-the-year striped bass index for 1984 being less than 15, and if the young-of-the-year striped bass index for 1984 is 15 or more, this Act shall be null and void without the necessity of further action by the General Assembly.~~

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That from the effective date of this Act until June 17, 1984, a person may not take any striped bass caught from the waters of the Chesapeake Bay or its tributaries. December 31, 1984, the following provisions shall be effective:

A. Striped Bass Spawning Areas and Rivers. The following waters are designated as striped bass spawning areas and rivers. For the purposes of this special enacting Section, the designation of a spawning river includes all tributaries to the river. The lower boundary of the spawning river is the mouth of the river.

- (1) Choptank River;
- (2) Nanticoke River;
- (3) Patuxent River;
- (4) Wicomico River;
- (5) Blackwater River;
- (6) Pocomoke River;
- (7) Transquaking River;
- (8) Chester River;
- (9) Manokin River;

(10) The Potomac River above the Harry W. Nice Bridge, other than the area within the jurisdiction of Potomac River Fisheries Commission; and

(11) That area of the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries north of a line drawn from Abbey Point to Worton Point, including the Sassafras River, the Bohemia River, Elk