

BY adding to

Article - Natural Resources
Section 4-411
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

4-411.

(A) THERE IS A STATE "ADOPT A ROCKFISH" PROGRAM IN THE DEPARTMENT.

(B) A PERSON MAY ADOPT A ROCKFISH BY PAYING \$3 \$5 TO THE DEPARTMENT. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL MAY BY REGULATION ADOPT A SLIDING FEE SCALE FOR THE PURCHASE OF MORE THAN 1 CERTIFICATE TO ADOPT A ROCKFISH.

(C) ADOPTION OF A ROCKFISH ENTITLES A PERSON TO RECEIVE A CERTIFICATE DESIGNED BY THE DEPARTMENT AND SIGNED BY THE SECRETARY THAT EXPRESSES THE STATE'S APPRECIATION FOR THE PERSON'S ASSISTANCE IN SAVING THE ROCKFISH, THE STATE FISH.

(D) EXCEPT FOR AN AMOUNT SUFFICIENT TO COVER THE COST OF CERTIFICATES, ALL REVENUES RECEIVED BY THE DEPARTMENT UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE USED TO CREATE-OR-SUPPORT-ROCKFISH-HATCHERIES-IN THE--STATE MANAGE STRIPED BASS AND EDUCATE THE GENERAL PUBLIC OF THE IMPORTANCE OF ECOLOGICAL MANAGEMENT TECHNIQUES.

(E) THE DEPARTMENT MAY ADVERTISE THE EXISTENCE OF THE ADOPT A ROCKFISH PROGRAM.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1984. It shall remain effective for a period of two years and, at the end of June 30, 1986, and with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

Approved May 29, 1984.

CHAPTER 688

(House Bill 1248)

AN ACT concerning