

CHAPTER 561

(Senate Bill 704)

AN ACT concerning

Fish Resources - Endangered or Threatened Fish
Moratorium - Annual Report

FOR the purpose of requiring the Secretary of Natural Resources to make an annual report to the General Assembly and to the Governor on any certain endangered or threatened species of fish on which the Secretary has declared a moratorium on catching, sale, or possession; requiring the Secretary's report to contain certain information; and generally relating to the Secretary's annual report on endangered or threatened fish subject to a moratorium.

BY adding to

Article - Natural Resources
Section 4-2A-04(g)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1983 Replacement Volume and 1984 Supplement)

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

Article - Natural Resources

4-2A-04.

(G) (1) FOR ANY ENDANGERED--OR-THREATENED SPECIES OF FISH THAT THE SECRETARY HAS DETERMINED TO BE ENDANGERED OR THREATENED UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION AND ON WHICH THE SECRETARY HAS DECLARED A MORATORIUM ON CATCHING, SALE, OR POSSESSION, THE SECRETARY SHALL MAKE AN ANNUAL STATUS REPORT ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1 TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, AS PROVIDED IN § 2-1312 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, AND TO THE GOVERNOR.

(2) THE SECRETARY'S REPORT SHALL CONTAIN:

(I) FIELD STUDIES ON SPAWNING STOCK SIZE;

(II) MEASUREMENT OF EGG DEPOSITION ON SPAWNING
GROUNDS;(III) MEASUREMENTS OF MORTALITY RATES OF FISH
EGGS, LARVAE, AND JUVENILES ON SPAWNING GROUNDS, NURSERY AREAS
AND SPAWNING RIVERS;