

Article - Natural Resources

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UNLESS--THE--COMMONWEALTH--OF--VIRGINIA--AND--THE--POTOMAC--RIVER--FISHERIES--COMMISSION--BY--NOVEMBER--1,--1985--BOTH--IMPOSE--A--SIMILAR--MORATORIUM--ON--THE--TAKING,--POSSESSION,--SALE,--OR--TRANSPORTING--OF--STRIPED--BASS--OR--ROCKFISH,--THE--SECRETARY--SHALL--REMOVE--ALL--MORATORIUMS--ON--THE--TAKING,--POSSESSION,--SALE,--OR--TRANSPORTING--OF--STRIPED--BASS--OR--ROCKFISH--IN--THE--WATERS--OF--THE--STATE.

(A)--ANY--MORATORIUM--IMPOSED--BY--THE--SECRETARY--ON--THE--TAKING,--POSSESSION,--SALE,--OR--TRANSPORTATION--OF--STRIPED--BASS--OR--ROCKFISH--IN--THE--WATERS--OF--THIS--STATE--SHALL--END--ON--JUNE--1,--1987,--UNLESS--EXTENDED--BEYOND--THAT--DATE--FOR--INTERVALS--OF--1--YEAR--OR--LESS--BY--ACTS--OF--THE--GENERAL--ASSEMBLY--OF--MARYLAND--EACH--YEAR.

(B)-(1) (G) (1) FOR ANY SPECIES OF FISH THAT THE SECRETARY HAS DECLARED 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;

(IV) BIOASSAYS ON EGGS AND LARVAE COLLECTED FROM SPAWNING FISH;

(V) MEASUREMENTS OF HEAVY METALS, PCB'S, ACID RAIN LEACHATES, SEDIMENTS, AND OTHER DISTRESSES TO THE HABITAT;

(VI) STUDIES ON ACID RAIN;

(VII) STUDIES ON THE ROLE OF FISH DISEASES;

(VIII) TREND ANALYSES AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FUTURE MANAGEMENT ACTIONS; AND

(IX) A RECOMMENDATION TO CONTINUE FOR 1 YEAR OR TO DISCONTINUE THE MORATORIUM ON THE CATCHING, SALE, OR POSSESSION OF THE FISH.