

(B) It is the intent of the General Assembly to create an advisory committee to promote the development of an aquaculture industry in this State.

(C) (1) The Maryland Department of Agriculture:

(1) -[is-] IS the lead agency for promoting, coordinating, and marketing aquaculture and aquaculture products; AND

(2) --HAS--THE--PRIMARY--AUTHORITY--TO--CONTROL--THE OPERATIONS--OF--NONTIDAL--AQUACULTURE--ENTERPRISES.

(2) (D) The Department of Natural Resources is responsible for enforcement of laws, regulations, and rules.

(3) (E) The University of Maryland is the lead agency for research in aquaculture production AND SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR DEVELOPMENT OF EDUCATION AND EXTENSION PROGRAMS WHICH PROMOTE AQUACULTURE AS AN INDUSTRY.

10-1303:

(A) --SUBJECT--TO--THE--PROVISIONS--OF--§--4--2A--08.1--OF--THE--NATURAL RESOURCES--ARTICLE,--A--PERSON--MAY--SELL--IN--THE--STATE,--FOR--ANY PURPOSE,--STRIPED--BASS--OR--ROCKFISH--OR--HYBRIDS--OF--STRIPED--BASS--OR ROCKFISH--THAT--ARE--BRED--OR--RAISED--IN--NONTIDAL--AQUACULTURE ENTERPRISES.

(B) --THE--STATE--DEPARTMENT--OF--AGRICULTURE--AND--THE--DEPARTMENT OF--NATURAL--RESOURCES--SHALL--ADOPT--REGULATIONS--THAT--PROVIDE--FOR--THE NECESSARY--DOCUMENTATION--THAT--A--PERSON--NEEDS--TO--SELL--IN--THE--STATE, FOR--ANY--PURPOSE,--STRIPED--BASS--OR--ROCKFISH--OR--HYBRIDS--OF--STRIPED BASS--OR--ROCKFISH--THAT--ARE--BRED--OR--RAISED--IN--NONTIDAL--AQUACULTURE ENTERPRISES.

Article--Natural--Resources

4-2A-05.1:

(A) --THIS--SECTION--DOES--NOT--APPLY--TO--STRIPED--BASS--OR--ROCKFISH OR--HYBRIDS--OF--STRIPED--BASS--OR--ROCKFISH--THAT--ARE--BRED--OR--RAISED--IN NONTIDAL--AQUACULTURE--ENTERPRISES.

(B) --When--the--Secretary--removes--the--moratoriums--on--the taking,--possession,--sale,--and--transporting--of--striped--bass--or rockfish,--the--Secretary:

(1) --Shall--allow--sport--fishermen--and--commercial fishermen--to--take,--possess,--sell,--and--transport--striped--bass--or rockfish;--but