

WILLIAM DONALD SCHAEFER, Governor

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

Article - Agriculture

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, 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, 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 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

(2) -- May not remove the moratoriums for sport fishermen or commercial fishermen without removing the same moratoriums for the other group of fishermen.

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(b) (1) (i) -- [If] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (ii) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, IF the species of fish known as striped bass or rockfish, including hybrids thereof, is listed as threatened or endangered pursuant to the provisions of this subtitle, all prohibitions of this subtitle shall apply to any striped bass (or hybrid) located within the State whether or not the fish may have been taken lawfully in another state, except as authorized in this subsection.

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