

(d) A fishery management plan MAY APPLY SEPARATELY OR JOINTLY TO THE WATERS OF THE CHESAPEAKE BAY AND ITS TIDAL TRIBUTARIES, THE COASTAL BAYS AND THEIR TRIBUTARIES, AND THE MARYLAND WATERS OF THE ATLANTIC OCEAN AND shall include:

- (1) The best available estimates of sustainable harvest rates;
- (2) Indicators that would trigger any tightening or loosening of harvest restrictions;
- (3) A description of the fishery, including:
 - (i) The history of the fishery, and its current condition relative to historic populations;
 - (ii) The numbers of potential commercial and recreational fishermen projected to participate in the fishery;
 - (iii) The type and quantity of fishing gear used commercially;
 - (iv) Where practicable, the cost likely to be incurred in the management of the fishery; and
 - (v) The actual and potential revenues from the recreational and commercial fishery; and
- (4) Other pertinent data that will assist the Secretary in determining conservation and management measures reasonably necessary to ensure that the fishery resources will be sustained.

(g) (1) (i) The Secretary shall adopt the proposed management plans and any proposed conservation and management measures by regulation.

(ii) The Secretary may adopt conservation and management measures in separate proceedings and by separate regulations. Conservation and management measures adopted separately may include changes to those proposed or adopted in a fishery management plan and any additional measures necessary to carry out the adopted plan.

(III) THE SECRETARY MAY NOT PROHIBIT THE USE OF POUND NET SITES IN THE COASTAL BAYS THAT ARE REGISTERED WITH THE DEPARTMENT AS OF JANUARY 1, 2000.

(2) THE REGULATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT TO IMPLEMENT A FISHERIES MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE COASTAL BAYS MAY NOT BECOME EFFECTIVE UNDER THIS SECTION UNTIL THE DEPARTMENT FIRST HOLDS PUBLIC HEARINGS IN WORCESTER COUNTY.

(3) All notices of public hearings required for the adoption of regulations under this section shall be printed in the Maryland Register and further publicized so as to provide reasonable notice to the affected communities of fishermen and the public.