

relating to establishing a Maryland Provisional Chesapeake Bay Charter Boat Permit.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Natural Resources

Section 4-210(a)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2000 Replacement Volume and 2002 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Natural Resources

Section 4-210.2

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2000 Replacement Volume and 2002 Supplement)

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

Article – Natural Resources

4-210.

(a) Except for a person employed to operate a vessel for a master fishing guide under § 4-701(o) OR A PERSON PERMITTED TO OPERATE A CHARTER BOAT UNDER § 4-210.2, any person who desires to accept direct or indirect consideration for providing services as a fishing guide shall obtain a license.

4-210.2.

(A) IN THIS SECTION, "PERMIT" MEANS A MARYLAND PROVISIONAL CHESAPEAKE BAY CHARTER BOAT PERMIT.

(B) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ESTABLISH A MARYLAND PROVISIONAL CHESAPEAKE BAY CHARTER BOAT PERMIT.

(C) THE DEPARTMENT MAY ISSUE A PERMIT IF THE PERSON:

(1) IS LICENSED BY VIRGINIA ~~OR THE POTOMAC RIVER FISHERIES COMMISSION~~ TO OPERATE A CHARTER BOAT IN ~~THEIR~~ ITS JURISDICTIONAL TIDAL WATERS; AND

(2) PROVIDES THE DEPARTMENT WITH DOCUMENTATION OF FISHING ACTIVITY FOR 2001 AND 2002 BASED UPON LICENSING AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS OF THE VIRGINIA MARINE RESOURCES COMMISSION ~~OR THE POTOMAC RIVER FISHERIES COMMISSION~~.

(D) A PERMIT ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT:

(1) IS VALID ONLY FOR AN AUTHORIZED PERSON OPERATING A VESSEL FOR CHARTER FISHING TRIPS ORIGINATING FROM THE TIDAL WATERS OF VIRGINIA ~~OR THE POTOMAC RIVER~~; AND