

(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

(2) IS NONTRANSFERABLE.

(E) A PERSON IN POSSESSION OF A PERMIT IS NOT REQUIRED TO POSSESS A MARYLAND COMMERCIAL FISHING GUIDE LICENSE UNDER § 4-210 OF THIS SUBTITLE TO OPERATE A CHARTER BOAT IN TIDAL WATERS OF THE CHESAPEAKE BAY IN MARYLAND.

(F) A PERSON OPERATING A CHARTER BOAT UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION ~~MUST~~ SHALL HAVE ALL APPROPRIATE FEDERAL AND STATE LICENSES AND THE REQUIRED PERMIT IN POSSESSION WHENEVER OPERATING A CHARTER BOAT.

(G) THE HOLDER OF A PERMIT ISSUED UNDER THIS SECTION IS SUBJECT TO THE PENALTIES UNDER SUBTITLE 12 OF THIS TITLE.

(H) THE DEPARTMENT MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS SECTION.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2003.

May 21, 2003

The Honorable Michael E. Busch
Speaker of the House
State House
Annapolis MD 21401

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, today I have vetoed House Bill 659 – Environment – Task Force on Water Resource Management – Establishment.

House Bill 659 would establish a 23 member Task Force on Water Resource Management that must issue a final report by May 31, 2006.

House Bill 659 is virtually identical to my Executive Order 01.01.2003.08. The Executive Order, which was issued March 7, 2003, amends Executive Order