

~~(c) (1) In that water area in Somerset County of Pocomoke Sound and Pocomoke River, east of Tull's Point, and Marumsee natural oyster bar eastward to William's Point, IF THE OYSTER BOTTOM IS LEASED FOR CULTIVATION a lessee may authorize a nonresident to take oysters by tong as provided by this section.~~

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(c) [Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, a member of the Fish and Wildlife Commission as of June 30, 1972, may serve the unexpired remainder of his term as a member of an advisory commission created by law.]

(1) THERE IS AN OYSTER ADVISORY COMMISSION IN THE DEPARTMENT.

(2) THE COMMISSION CONSISTS OF MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE SECRETARY.

(3) THE COMMISSION SHALL:

(I) PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT WITH ADVICE ON MATTERS RELATED TO OYSTERS IN THE CHESAPEAKE BAY;

(II) REVIEW THE BEST POSSIBLE SCIENCE AND RECOMMEND CHANGES TO THE FRAMEWORK AND STRATEGIES FOR REBUILDING AND MANAGING THE OYSTER POPULATION IN THE CHESAPEAKE BAY UNDER THE CHESAPEAKE BAY OYSTER MANAGEMENT PLAN;

(III) REVIEW THE LATEST FINDINGS RELEVANT TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT EVALUATING OYSTER RESTORATION ALTERNATIVES FOR THE CHESAPEAKE BAY;

(IV) REVIEW ANY OTHER SCIENTIFIC, ECONOMIC, OR CULTURAL INFORMATION RELEVANT TO OYSTERS IN THE CHESAPEAKE BAY; AND

(V) BY DECEMBER 31, 2007 AND TO THE EXTENT REASONABLY APPROPRIATE, REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON:

1. STRATEGIES TO MINIMIZE THE IMPACT OF OYSTER DISEASE, INCLUDING THE STATE REPLETION PROGRAM AND BAR CLEANING;