

~~(iii) promoting oyster aquaculture in Maryland; and~~

~~(iv) increasing the native oyster population of the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries; and~~

~~(2) include in its deliberations:~~

~~(i) an examination of the practice of bar cleaning;~~

~~(ii) an examination of State oyster restoration and repletion programs;~~

~~(iii) an examination of current management practices of natural oyster bars, including:~~

~~1. the fairness and equitability of the quality and percentage of those areas that are currently designated as sanctuaries; and~~

~~2. current restrictions on the leasing and use of those areas for aquaculture;~~

~~(iv) the most recent findings related to the nonnative oyster Environmental Impact Statement; and~~

~~(v) any other scientific, economic, or cultural information relevant to oyster management practices.~~

~~(c) (1) A member of the Task Force:~~

~~(i) may not receive compensation; but~~

~~(ii) is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.~~

~~(2) If a regulated lobbyist is appointed to serve as a member of the Task Force, the lobbyist:~~

~~(i) is not subject to § 15-504(d) of the State Government Article with respect to that service; and~~

~~(ii) is not subject to § 15-702(f)(3) of the State Government Article as a result of that service.~~

~~(f) The Department of Natural Resources shall provide staff support for the~~