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~~(e) The Task Force shall issue a final report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor and, subject to § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2007.~~

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That one-tenth of the oyster seed or spat produced for planting in accordance with Section 1 of this Act at the University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science Horn Point Laboratory shall be made available for purchase to any leaseholder of land beneath the waters of the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries who leased in accordance with Title 4, Subtitle 11A of the Natural Resources Article.

~~SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, as required under § 4-11A-07(e) of the Natural Resources Article, as enacted by Section 1 of this Act, the Department of Natural Resources shall adopt regulations on or before December 31, 2007, to establish standards for determining whether a leased oyster bottom is being actively utilized for sound restoration purposes. That:~~

(a) By October 1, 2007, the Department of Natural Resources shall adopt regulations relating to the suspension and revocation of licenses and authorizations issued under Title 4, Subtitle 7 of the Natural Resources Article.

(b) The regulations shall require the suspension of a person's tidal fish license or authorization for a period of not less than 180 days and not exceeding 365 days during the oyster harvest season for:

(1) the unlawful harvest of oysters from a leased oyster bottom or from more than 150 feet within an oyster sanctuary, oyster reserve, or area closed to harvest by the Department of the Environment, when the area is designated and marked with buoys or other signage or the person knew or should have known that the harvest of oysters from the area was unlawful; or

(2) a violation of a time restriction for the harvest of oysters by more than 2 hours.

~~SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 2 of this Act shall take effect June October 1, 2007. Sections 2 and 3 of this Act shall remain effective for a period of 9 months and, at the end of February 29, 2008, with no further action required by the General Assembly, Sections 2 and 3 of this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.~~

SECTION 6. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, except as provided in Section 4 5 of this Act, this Act shall take effect June 1, 2007.