

therefore the most measurable threat to the future sustainability of the yellow perch fishery; now, therefore,

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

Article - Natural Resources

~~4-215.~~

~~(h) Notwithstanding any other provision of this title BUT EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN § 4-710(H) OF THIS TITLE, once a fishery management plan has been adopted by regulation, the State's fishery resources shall be harvested in accordance with the conservation and management measures in the fishery management plan and any regulations implementing or amending that plan.~~

~~4-710.~~

~~(j) (1) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, A PERSON MAY NOT INSTALL, SET, OPERATE, OR MAINTAIN IN A TIDAL OR NONTIDAL TRIBUTARY OF THE CHESAPEAKE BAY FROM JANUARY 1 THROUGH MARCH 20, INCLUSIVE, OF ANY YEAR ANY ENTRAPMENT GEAR, ENTANGLEMENT GEAR, OR NET CAPABLE OF CATCHING YELLOW PERCH.~~

~~(2) A PERSON MAY USE THE FOLLOWING FISHING GEAR FOR HARVESTING BAIT IN THE TIDAL AND NONTIDAL TRIBUTARIES OF THE CHESAPEAKE BAY FROM JANUARY 1 THROUGH MARCH 20, INCLUSIVE, OF ANY YEAR:~~

~~(i) A HAND OPERATED DIP NET;~~

~~(ii) A CAST OR THROW NET;~~

~~(iii) A MINNOW TRAP THAT HAS A MAXIMUM OPENING DIAMETER OF 1 INCH;~~

~~(iv) A MINNOW SEINE; OR~~

~~(v) AN EEL POT THAT HAS A MAXIMUM OPENING DIAMETER OF 1.5 INCHES.~~

~~(3) THE DEPARTMENT, IN CONSULTATION WITH INTERESTED STAKEHOLDERS, SHALL REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN ACCORDANCE~~