

(2) Buy or sell seafood;

(3) Store equipment used in the person's seafood business;

(4) Enjoy the quiet conduct of the person's seafood business in conformance with county and State requirements; and

(5) Harvest seafood.

(b) (1) Before adopting an ordinance, resolution, or regulation under subsection (a) of this section, the governing body of the county in which the ordinance, resolution, or regulation will apply shall:

(i) Hold a public hearing and provide reasonable notice of the hearing; and

(ii) Obtain the written consent of the Secretary of Natural Resources.

(2) An ordinance, resolution, or regulation adopted without the written consent of the Secretary of Natural Resources is void and without legal effect.

(c) In the event of a conflict, federal law, State law, or written program guidance issued by a federal or State agency shall preempt any ordinance, resolution, or regulation adopted or any action taken by the governing body of CALVERT COUNTY, Dorchester County, Queen Anne's County, or Somerset County under this section.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2008.

Approved by the Governor, April 24, 2008.

CHAPTER 325

(House Bill 1504)

AN ACT concerning

Department of Natural Resources – Shell Dredging – Permit Application