

MARYLAND AQUACULTURE COORDINATING COUNCIL Distinguished Service Award Presented to

DELEGATE TONY O'DONNELL

In recognition of your outstanding service as a founding member of the Maryland Aquaculture Coordinating Council. Your dedication and support has directly contributed to the advancement of Maryland Aquaculture.

May 2014

Presentation by Delegate Tony O'Donnell

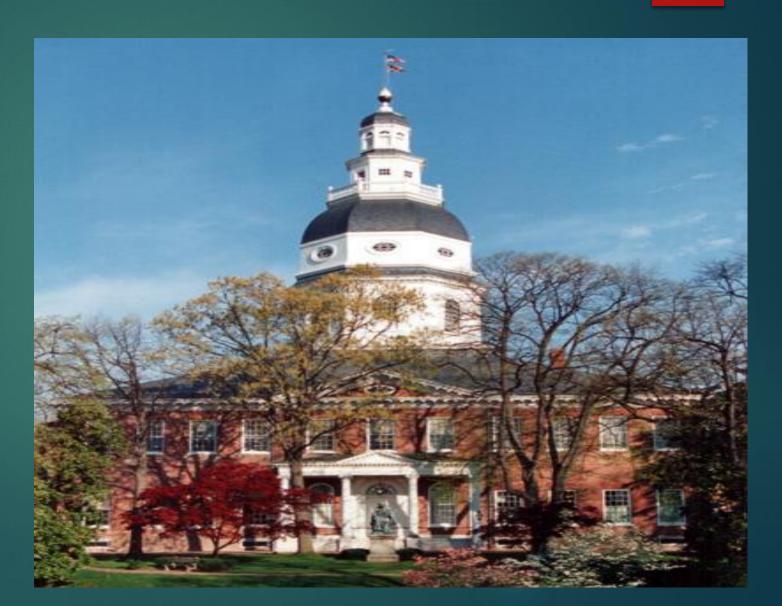
Sea Farmers Conference Halifax, Nova Scotia January 29-30, 2015

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Oyster Recovery Partnership BMP Expert Panel November 2, 2015

Maryland's Story Oyster Aquaculture A Good Start and a Promising Future

Maryland State House, Annapolis



Laying The Foundation:

- ► Tax Credit 2002 House Bill 1098
- Creation of the Maryland
 Aquaculture Coordinating Council –
 2005 House Bill 971
- Chesapeake Bay and Tributaries Shellfish Leasing Reform -2009 – House Bill 312

HOUSE BILL 1098

Unofficial Copy Q3 2002 Regular Session 2lr1556

By: Delegates O'Donnell, Hurson, Owings, and Klausmeier Klausmeier, Bohanan, and Bozman

Introduced and read first time: February 8, 2002

Assigned to: Ways and Means

Committee Report: Favorable with amendments

House action: Adopted

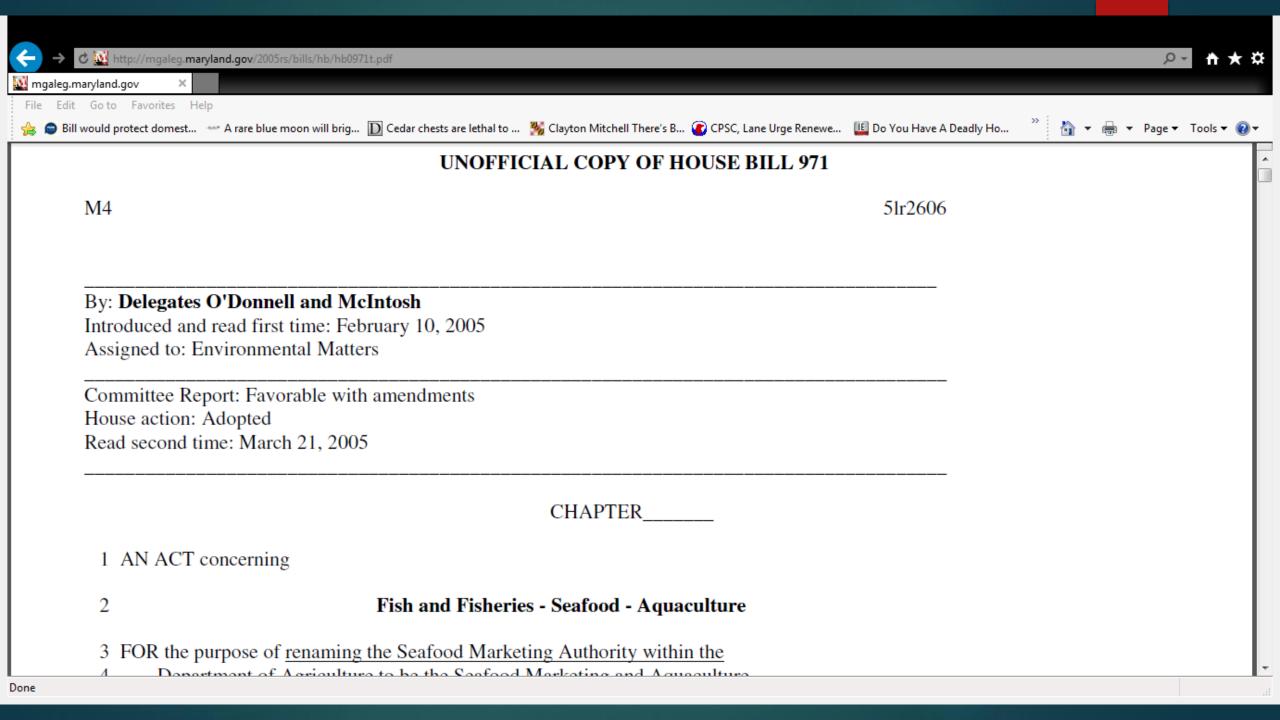
Read second time: March 23, 2002

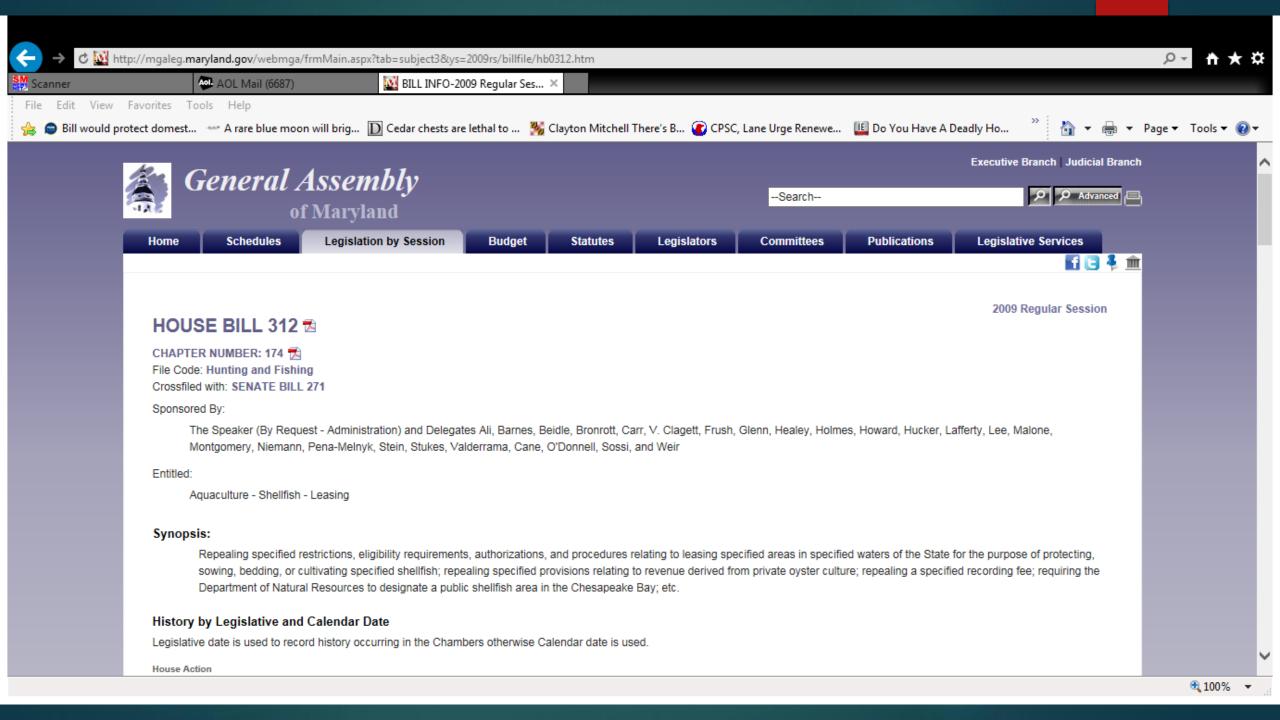
CHAPTER

1 AN ACT concerning

2 Income Tax - Credit for Homeowner Aquaculture Oyster Float

- 3 FOR the purpose of allowing an individual to claim a credit against the State income
- 4 tax in a certain amount for the purchase price of aquaculture oyster floats under
- 5 certain conditions; defining a certain term; providing for the application of this





HB-971 2005 Established MACC Natural Resources Article Title 4 (4-11A-03.2)

Statutory Interagency Council for Aquaculture including BMP's

Government Reps

- 1 member MD Senate *
- 1 member MD House of Delegates *
- 1 member DNR NRP **
- 1 member DNR Fisheries **
- 1 member MD Dept. of Ag **
- 1 member MDE **
- 1 member DHMH **
- 1 member Dept. of Commerce**
 - * Designated by Presiding Officers
 - ** Designated by Cabinet Secretaries

Academic Reps

- 2 members representing UM
 College Park 1 with
 expertise in aquaculture
 research; 1 representing the
 Cooperative Extension
 Service designated by the
 President of the University of
 Maryland
- 1 member representing the University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science (UMCES), designated by the President UMCES

Industry Reps

- 3 members of the Aquaculture Industry appointed by the Governor
- 3 members holding TFL commercial harvesting licenses, including 1 representing the MWA appointed by the Governor

Next Steps:

- ► Federal Counterpart Challenges USACE
- User Conflicts in the Chesapeake Bay
 - Our old friend the watermen
- ▶ State Government in Transition
- ► Shell Availability
- Nutrient Credit Trading

- § 4-11A-03. General provisions (a) "Aquaculture" defined. --
- (1) The General Assembly defines aquaculture as an **agricultural** and fisheries management activity.
- (2) "Aquaculture" includes the commercial rearing of finfish, shellfish, and aquatic plants for sale, trade, barter, or shipment.

MARYLAND POLICY
FOR NUTRIENT CAP MANAGEMENT AND TRADING IN MARYLAND'S
CHESEAPEAKE BAY WATERSHED

PHASE II – A

GUIDELINES FOR THE **GENERATION** OF AGRICULTURAL NONPOINT NUTRIENT CREDITS

PHASE II - B

GUIDELINES FOR THE **EXCHANGE** OF NONPOINT CREDITS MARYLAND'S TRADING MARKETPLACE

Maryland Department of Agriculture Annapolis, Maryland April 2008

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 1. PRESENT AND MOVE THE WORK PRODUCT AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THIS EXPERT PANEL INTO THE STATUTORY FRAMEWORK OF THE MARYLAND AQUACULTURE COORDINATING COUNCIL (MACC). THIS SHOULD BE ACCOMPLISHED THROUGH LEGISLATIVE ENACTMENT TO AMEND TITLE 4 OF THE NATURAL RESOURCES ARTICLE IN THE 2016 SESSION OF THE MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY.
- 2. SUPPORT LEGISLATION THAT WILL BE SUBMITTED IN THE 2016 SESSION OF THE MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY WHICH WILL ADD ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE MARYLAND FARM BUREAU AND ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE OYSTER RECOVERY PARTNERSHIP (ORP) TO THE STATUTORY MEMBERSHIP OF THE MACC.