



**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

-And-

Oyster Recovery Partnership
BMP Expert Panel
November 2, 2015



Maryland's
Story
In
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

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2002 Regular Session
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**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 _____

AN ACT concerning

Income Tax - Credit for ~~Homeowner~~ Aquaculture Oyster Float

FOR the purpose of allowing an individual to claim a credit against the State income tax in a certain amount for the purchase price of aquaculture oyster floats under certain conditions; defining a certain term; providing for the application of this Act, and generally relating to a credit against the State income tax for the

UNOFFICIAL COPY OF HOUSE BILL 971

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Delegates O'Donnell and McIntosh

roduced and read first time: February 10, 2005

igned to: Environmental Matters

ommittee Report: Favorable with amendments

use action: Adopted

ad second time: March 21, 2005

CHAPTER _____

AN ACT concerning

Fish and Fisheries - Seafood - Aquaculture

FOR the purpose of renaming the Seafood Marketing Authority within the

Department of Agriculture to be the Seafood Marketing and Aquaculture



General Assembly of Maryland

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2009 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL 312

CHAPTER NUMBER: 174

File Code: Hunting and Fishing

Crossfiled with: SENATE BILL 271

Sponsored By:

The Speaker (By Request - Administration) and Delegates Ali, Barnes, Beidle, Bronrott, Carr, V. Clagett, Frush, Glenn, Healey, Holmes, Howard, Hucker, Lafferty, Lee, Malone, Montgomery, Niemann, Pena-Melnyk, Stein, Stukes, Valderrama, Cane, O'Donnell, Sossi, and Weir

Entitled:

Aquaculture - Shellfish - Leasing

Synopsis:

Repealing specified restrictions, eligibility requirements, authorizations, and procedures relating to leasing specified areas in specified waters of the State for the purpose of protecting, sowing, bedding, or cultivating specified shellfish; repealing specified provisions relating to revenue derived from private oyster culture; repealing a specified recording fee; requiring the Department of Natural Resources to designate a public shellfish area in the Chesapeake Bay; etc.

History by Legislative and Calendar Date

Legislative date is used to record history occurring in the Chambers otherwise Calendar date is used.

House Action

B-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

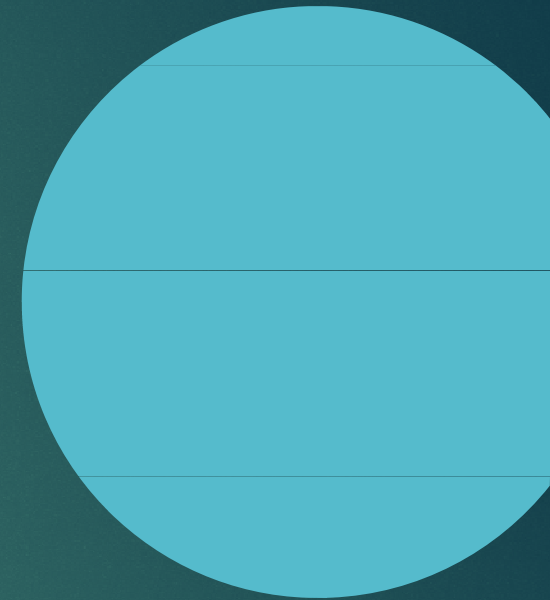
Next Steps:

- ▶ 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.