

HOUSE BILL 384

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By: **Delegates Gilchrist, Fraser-Hidalgo, Lafferty, and Lehman**

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Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Soft-Shell Clams and Razor Clams – Fishery Management Plans**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Natural Resources to prepare fishery
4 management plans for the soft-shell clam and razor clam species on or before a
5 certain date, subject to available funding; and generally relating to the soft-shell
6 clam and razor clam fisheries.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

8 Article – Natural Resources
9 Section 4–215(b)(24) and (25)
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2018 Replacement Volume)

12 BY adding to

13 Article – Natural Resources
14 Section 4–215(b)(26) and (27)
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (2018 Replacement Volume)

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

19 **Article – Natural Resources**

20 4–215.

21 (b) The Department shall prepare fishery management plans for the following
22 species:

23 (24) Catfish; [and]

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (25) Cownose ray;

2 **(26) SOFT-SHELL CLAMS; AND**

3 **(27) RAZOR CLAMS.**

4 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, on or before December 31,
5 2020, subject to funding made available to the Department of Natural Resources to
6 implement Section 1 of this Act, the Department shall prepare the soft-shell clam and razor
7 clam fishery management plans required by § 4-215(b)(26) and (27), respectively, of the
8 Natural Resources Article, as enacted by Section 1 of this Act.

9 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June
10 1, 2019.