

making this Act an emergency measure; and generally relating to the sale of weakfish.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Natural Resources

Section 4-734(a)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1989 Replacement Volume and 1994 Supplement)

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

Article - Natural Resources

4-734.

(a) A person may not sell, offer to buy or sell, or possess any of the following fish:

(1) Bass, largemouth or smallmouth less than 15 inches from March 1 through June 15, and less than 12 inches from June 16 through the end of February;

(2) Catfish, except bullheads, less than 10 inches;

(3) Croakers:

(i) Until July 1, 1995:

1. For commercial catches, less than 10 inches; and

2. For recreational catches and possession only, less than 9 inches and not more than 20 fish per day;

(ii) On or after July 1, 1995, for any manner of catches, not less than the size limits promulgated by the Department in accordance with the fisheries management plan adopted under § 4-215 of this title;

(4) Yellow perch less than 8 inches, if caught other than by hook or line;

(5) Pike or walleyed pike less than 14 inches;

(6) Weakfish less than [10] 12 inches, EXCEPT THAT WEAKFISH LESS THAN 12 INCHES MAY BE SOLD DURING CLOSED SEASON IF:

(I) THE WEAKFISH WAS CAUGHT IN ANOTHER STATE;

(II) THE WEAKFISH IS ACCOMPANIED BY A BILL OF SALE OR BILL OF LADING FROM THE STATE OF ORIGIN CERTIFYING THAT THE WEAKFISH WAS CAUGHT IN FULL COMPLIANCE WITH THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF ORIGIN; AND

(III) THE STATE OF ORIGIN IS IN COMPLIANCE WITH INTERSTATE FISHING MANAGEMENT REQUIREMENTS AS DETERMINED BY THE DEPARTMENT;

(7) Spotted sea trout less than 12 inches;