

JOINT RESOLUTIONS

~~Department of Natural Resources~~ are requested to give consideration to contamination of groundwater and municipal water supplies from pesticides and other chemicals used in agricultural operations in their testing and reports on the development and implementation of a comprehensive groundwater protection strategy and on the continued monitoring efforts of State agencies on groundwater protection and supply; and be it further

~~RESOLVED, That the monitoring and testing in this area be conducted in every county in the State, except Baltimore City, for pesticides and other chemicals used in agricultural operations that the agricultural extension agent in the county advises are being most widely used in the county; and be it further~~

~~RESOLVED, That factors such as soil capabilities and leachability, toxicity, and half-life be given the highest priority in considering and determining which pesticides are to be tested in which agricultural production areas, and that those toxic pesticides that are leachable or have long half-lives be monitored more frequently; and be it further~~

RESOLVED, That the Department of the Environment and the Department of Agriculture continue to collect information and report on the pesticides in predominant usage in each county; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Department of the Environment establish a pilot program in the State to monitor and test surface and groundwaters for pesticides and other chemicals predominantly used in agricultural operations; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Department of the Environment continue to work in conjunction with the Environmental Protection Agency and the United States Geological Survey in conducting the National Pesticide Survey in the Coastal Plains area of the United States to develop statewide monitoring which will consider such factors as soil capabilities and leachability, toxicity, and half-life in determining which pesticides are to be tested in which agricultural production areas; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of Legislative Reference to the Honorable Martin W. Walsh, Jr., Secretary of the Environment, 5th Floor, 201 West Preston Street, Baltimore, MD 21201; ~~the Honorable Terrey C. Brown, M.D., Secretary of Natural Resources, Tawes State Office Building, 580 Taylor Avenue, Annapolis, MD 21401; and the Honorable Wayne A. Cawley, Jr., Secretary of Agriculture, 50 Harry S. Truman Parkway, Annapolis, MD 21401.~~

Signed May 19, 1989.

No. 2

(House Joint Resolution No. 3)

A House Joint Resolution concerning

Rockfish – Young of the Year Index – Methods for Sampling

FOR the purpose of requesting the Secretary of Natural Resources to ~~use~~ examine certain procedures ~~in addition to~~ to supplement the methods currently used for the "Young of the Year Index" for juvenile rockfish and requesting the Secretary to report to a