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HOUSE BILL NO. 2239

House Amendments in [] — January 31, 2003

A *BILL to amend and reenact § 28.2-200 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the definition of a haul seine net.*

Patron Prior to Engrossment—Delegate Pollard

Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources**Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:****1. That § 28.2-200 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

§ 28.2-200. Definitions.

As used in this subtitle, unless the context requires a different meaning:

"Cultured hard-shell clams" means hard-shell clams (*Mercenaria mercenaria*) that have been spawned in a hatchery or controlled setting for the purpose of producing seed clams (juveniles), and planted on leased grounds, floating structures, or other privately controlled growing areas, and covered with netting or otherwise protected from predators until harvested.

"Haul seine" means ~~any net set from the shore or in shallow waters not exceeding eight feet in depth at mean low water. Every haul seine shall have one end stationary at all times while the seine is being used, except when closing the net, the stationary end may be changed a net made of mesh webbing [and consisting of 2 wings and a butt or bag which may include a pocket and a wing net] , set vertically in water and pulled by hand or power to capture and confine fish by encirclement.~~

"James River seed area" means that area in the James River and its tributaries above a line drawn from Cooper's Creek in Isle of Wight County on the south side of the James River to a line in a northeasterly direction across the James River to the Newport News municipal water tank located on Warwick Boulevard between 59th Street and 60th Street in the City of Newport News.

"Mouth of the Rappahannock River" means the area beginning at Stingray Point, Middlesex County, at the United States Army Corps of Engineers survey station "Bird," an aluminum disk set in the top of a concrete monument, being located at coordinates 453,785.17 North, 2,638,116.66 East, 1927 North American Datum - Virginia South Zone; thence 12 degrees 52' 35" (grid azimuth) 20,846.73 feet to a point on the Eastern side of Windmill Point, Lancaster County, designated as Virginia Marine Resources Commission survey station "Windmill," a ~~one and one-half~~ 1 1/2 inch iron pipe driven flush with the ground, being located at coordinates 474,107.68 North, 2,642,762.29 East, 1927 North American Datum - Virginia South Zone.

"Pound net" means any net having a funnel mouth, round mouth or square mouth with the head exposed above the water.

"Resident" means any person who maintains his principal place of abode in Virginia with the intent to make Virginia his domicile.

"Shoals" means subaqueous elevations covered by water less than ~~four~~ 4 feet deep at mean low water.

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