

Department of Planning and Budget 2006 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB252

House of Origin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
Second House	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

2. Patron: Cosgrove

3. Committee: Agriculture, Chesapeake, and Natural Resources

4. Title: Regulation of the fishing of menhaden

5. Summary/Purpose: The bill directs the Virginia Marine Resources Commission to adopt regulations to implement the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission Fishery Management Plan for Atlantic Menhaden. The bill stipulates that no regulation can impose limits on the fishing of menhaden that are more restrictive than the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission Fishery Management Plan for Atlantic Menhaden. The bill also requires that any moratorium on the fishery be subject to legislative review and repeals the Governor's authority to implement menhaden management measures by proclamation.

6. Fiscal impact: The Marine Resources Commission may incur minimal costs associated with promulgating regulations.

7. Budget amendment necessary: No. Any costs may be absorbed in the commission's existing appropriation.

8. Fiscal implications: None.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: Marine Resources Commission.

10. Technical amendment necessary: No.

11. Other comments: The bill includes an enactment clause to repeal § 28.2-1000.1, Code of Virginia, the codified authority for the Governor to implement menhaden management measures by proclamation.

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cc: Secretary of Natural Resources