

**Department of Planning and Budget
2014 Fiscal Impact Statement**

1. Bill Number: HB847

House of Origin Introduced Substitute Engrossed
Second House In Committee Substitute Enrolled

2. Patron: Lewis

3. Committee: Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources

4. Title: Dumping of menhaden.

5. Summary: Requires commercial fishermen to report any release, disposal, or dumping of more than 2,000 harvested menhaden to the Commissioner of the Marine Resources Commission. The commercial fisherman is also responsible for cleaning up any menhaden that wash onto the abutting shorelines. Any commercial fisherman who violates any of these provisions will be subject to a civil penalty of \$1,000 for each offense. The proceeds from the civil penalties shall be deposited into the Marine Habitat and Waterways Improvement Fund.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary. See Item 8, below.

8. Fiscal Implications: According to the Marine Resources Commission, this bill may impact agency revenues; however, the magnitude of the impact is indeterminate at this time. It is anticipated that since the proposed fine is \$1,000 for each violation that the revenue generated into the Marine Habitat and Waterways Improvement Fund would be negligible.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Marine Resources Commission; Court System.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.