Department of Planning and Budget
2015 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** HB2195

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

2. **Patron:** Lingamfelter

3. **Committee:** Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources

4. **Title:** Revocation of fishing privileges.

5. **Summary:** Authorizes the Marine Resources Commission to revoke the privilege to fish in tidal waters of any person who has been convicted of unlawfully taking oysters or other shellfish from oyster grounds. Currently, such a conviction only results in the revocation of a person's tidal fishing license. The bill also increases from two years to five years the maximum duration of the revocation of a fishing license or the privilege to fish in tidal waters. The bill also authorizes the Commission to assess a civil penalty not to exceed $10,000 against a person if it finds the person has engaged in fishing other than for recreational purposes during the revocation period. The bill requires the Commission to consider the person's history of violating the conservation, health, and safety laws or regulations in setting the amount of the civil penalty.

6. **Budget Amendment Necessary**: No.

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

8. **Fiscal Implications:** The amount of civil penalties that might be collected is indeterminate. It is anticipated any expenditure impact to the Marine Resources Commission can be absorbed with existing resources.

    The civil penalties that are collected pursuant to this bill will be deposited into the Virginia Marine Products Fund administered by the Marine Products Board. It is anticipated any expenditure impact to the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services can be absorbed with existing resources.

9. **Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Marine Resources Commission; Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services; court system.

10. **Technical Amendment Necessary:** No.

11. **Other Comments:** None.