



General Assembly

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Proposed Bill No. 6222

LCO No. 3490



Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENT

Introduced by:

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AN ACT CONCERNING AQUACULTURE IN THE STATE.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 That the general statutes be amended to: (1) Reduce the minimum
- 2 size, from three inches to two and one-half inches long for the taking of
- 3 farm-raised eastern oysters; (2) expand oyster shell recycling efforts in
- 4 the state by reforming the permitting system to establish shell recycling
- 5 operations; (3) create a program through the Bureau of Aquaculture in
- 6 the Department of Agriculture to increase black, indigenous and people
- 7 of color farmers in shellfishing; (4) support the growth of seaweed
- 8 cultivation in the state; (5) study the Noank Aquaculture Cooperative as
- 9 a model for shellfishing; (6) change a commercial landing vessel
- 10 operator's license to a commercial vessel landing license; (7) introduce
- 11 special licensing for unregulated species and direct sales at docks; and
- 12 (8) establish a tax credit of two hundred fifty dollars for each restaurant
- 13 that participates in a shell recycling program.

Statement of Purpose:

To support and expand aquaculture in the state.