

Senators Moore and Timilty Budget Amendment Draft Language

Senator _____ moves to amend Senate _____ at the end by inserting a new section

Section _____ Chapter 130: Section 100A is further amended by adding at the end thereof a new section

Section 100B – Conservation and management measures concerning the commercial taking of the striped bass including by not limited to the length of the commercial season, the number of permits issued for the commercial season and the total number of striped bass by fish count or poundage allowed to be landed shall take into account the following measures: the prevention of overfishing, the rebuilding of overfished stocks, the impact of these proposed rules and regulations on the economic value of the recreational catch, the impact on the economy of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the impact on tax revenues generated for the Commonwealth by the recreational fishery from the sales, meals, hotel/motel, fuel and income taxes. The Director and the Marine Fisheries Advisory Board must take into consideration the economic importance of the recreational striped bass fishery to the Commonwealth and the potential effects of proposed management measures on the tax revenues of the Commonwealth. All such approved rules and regulations shall be accompanied with a fiscal note detailing any said potential or anticipated impacts and said fiscal note shall be forwarded to the House and Senate Committees on Ways and Means, the Joint Committee on Revenue, the Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture and the Joint Committee on Tourism, Arts and Cultural Development.