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Yacht Clubs of Maryland ...to provide a means for close and frequent interaction and mutual support among member Yacht Clubs...

March 24, 2025

Testimony to the Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee

Why we FAVOR passage of SB 168 - Confined Aquatic Disposal Cells - Construction - Moratorium: Prohibiting the Department of the Environment from processing or making any recommendation on a certain application submitted for the purpose of constructing a confined aquatic disposal (CAD) cell from June 1, 2025, through May 31, 2029; and prohibiting the Board of Public Works from approving a certain application submitted for the purpose of constructing a confined aquatic disposal cell from June 1, 2025, through May 31, 2029

- ✓ Of particular concern is the possibility of a CAD cell in the Patapsco River east of where the Key Bridge is being rebuilt.
- ✓ Communities in this area are already heavily impacted by large industrial facilities in their neighborhoods.
- ✓ Just as deeper channels for container ships are important to Maryland, so are the recreational boating and fishing industries important to the Maryland economy. A balance must be struck to protect both.
- ✓ The State and its citizens benefit from a \$3.5 billion boating industry, commercial fishing, tourism, and thousands of related full-time jobs. Protecting the Patapsco as a crown jewel of the Baltimore Harbor and the Chesapeake Bay region is crucial.
- ✓ There is no need to allow CAD cells at this time and this legislation allows for more time to find suitable alternatives and to further study the environmental impact of CAD.
- ✓ Yacht Clubs of Maryland represents thousands of Maryland boaters who urge passage of SB 168.
- ✓ We also hope this legislation will allow for further study of alternatives that will protect the historic significance of two of our member clubs – Pleasant Yacht Club and North Point Yacht Club, both of which could be lost under some scenarios for placing dredge material for deeper channels.
- ✓ **We urge the Maryland Legislature to approve SB 168.**

Sincerely,

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