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CALL SENATOR WAUGH

St. Mary's City, March 16—Good news to report - the Maryland House of Delegates voted this week 102-39 to prohibit the altering of boundaries of oyster sanctuaries pending a stock assessment by the University of Maryland and an overall fishery plan for Maryland's oysters. This is a veto-proof majority. The bill goes to the State Senate today for consideration. We expect the full Senate to hold a hearing on this bill on Tuesday or Wednesday next week and a floor vote could occur soon after.

Call Senator Steve Waugh
Ask him to support HB924 and our sanctuaries
410-841-3673

It is important that we get a veto-proof majority in the Senate as well. The Governor has sided with industry and in spring 2014 he pledged to end the "war on watermen," as he termed it, and to declassify sanctuaries.



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Photo caption: Underwater image of the oyster reef restoration project in the St. Mary's River oyster sanctuary—a partnership project with St. Mary's College of Maryland, Leonardtown Rotary, and the St. Mary's River Watershed Association.