

AN ACT
D.C. ACT 21-675

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
FEBRUARY 15, 2017

To designate an official fish of the District of Columbia, to designate an official amphipod of the District of Columbia, to require the Mayor to designate and regulate critical areas for environmental protection, to require the Mayor to issue regulations requiring shoreline protection measures, to require the Mayor to issue regulations that list invasive plants and nonindigenous nuisance species, to prohibit certain activities relating to invasive plants and nonindigenous nuisance species listed by the Mayor, to authorize the Mayor to issue authorizations to covered establishments to sell fishing licenses and licensure endorsements for recreational fishing in District waters, to authorize the Mayor to authorize and license the possession, transport, and use of certain implements for the capture or killing of fish, and to authorize the Mayor to issue a fish consumption advisory; to amend the Water Pollution Control Act of 1984 to authorize the Mayor to manage fishing seasons by administrative orders and to establish a Fishing License Fund; to amend the Department of Energy and Environment Establishment Act of 2005 to expand the duties of the Department of Energy and Environment (“DOEE”) and the Director of the DOEE, and to designate the Director of the DOEE as the District’s natural resources trustee; to amend An Act To revise and modernize the fish and game laws of the District of Columbia, and for other purposes to expand protection for amphibians and invertebrates; and to amend Office of Administrative Hearings Establishment Act of 2001 to authorize the Office of Administrative Hearings to adjudicate cases involving the modification, suspension, revocation, or denial of certain permits and authorizations issued under this act.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the “Fisheries and Wildlife Omnibus Amendment Act of 2016”.

TITLE I. NATURAL RESOURCES EDUCATION

Sec. 101. Official fish of the District of Columbia.

(a) The American shad (*Alosa sapidissima*) is an anadromous species of game fish native to the eastern United States and Canada. Spending much of their lives at sea, American shad leave the ocean to find river systems and migrate, or “run,” upstream into freshwater environments to spawn in their birthplaces, including the Potomac River.

(b) Once abundant in the Potomac River watershed and considered one of the most valuable commercial fisheries in the United States, the American shad has experienced species-threatening declines throughout the entirety of its native range. A combination of factors have