

CHESAPEAKE NUTRIA ERADICATION

Natural Resource Article § 10-202.1(c)

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July 8, 2025

The Honorable Bill Ferguson
President, The Senate of Maryland
State House, H 107
Annapolis, MD 21401-1991

The Honorable Adrienne Jones
Speaker, Maryland House of Delegates
State House, H 101
Annapolis, MD 21401-1991

Re: Submission of Report on Implementation of the Nutria Management Plan

Agency: Maryland Department of Natural Resources

Report Authority: § 10-202.1(c) of the Natural Resources Article (MSAR #869)

Dear President Ferguson and Speaker Jones:

We are pleased to report that, to date, more than 14,000 nutria have been removed from Maryland. We have been fighting this for 20 years and are happy to state we have eradicated the nutria from the State of Maryland. With that in mind, this report is no longer required.

Should you have any questions or comments regarding this report, please feel free to contact Lydia McPherson, Legislative and Constituent Services Director, directly at 410-260-8113, or by email at lydia.mcpherson1@maryland.gov.

Sincerely,

Josh Kurtz
Secretary

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