

1 SENATE BILL NO. 461

2 AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

3 (Proposed by the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources

4 on February 3, 2026)

5 (Patron Prior to Substitute—Senator Stuart)

6 *A BILL to direct the Marine Resources Commission to temporarily prohibit electrofishing in certain portions*
7 *of the Rappahannock River; report.*8 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**9 *1. § 1. That the Marine Resources Commission shall (i) prohibit commercial electrofishing in the portion of*
10 *the Rappahannock River north of the Downing Bridge in Tappahannock until January 1, 2027, and (ii)*
11 *examine the practice of commercial electrofishing in the waters of the Commonwealth and submit a report*
12 *of its findings and recommendations to the Chairs of the House Committee on Agriculture, Chesapeake and*
13 *Natural Resources and the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources no later*
14 *than January 1, 2027.*