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SENATE BILL NO. 461

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

(Proposed by the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources
on February 3, 2026)

(Patron Prior to Substitute—Senator Stuart)

*A BILL to direct the Marine Resources Commission to temporarily prohibit electrofishing in certain portions
of the Rappahannock River; report.*

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. § 1. *That the Marine Resources Commission shall (i) prohibit commercial electrofishing in the portion of
the Rappahannock River north of the Downing Bridge in Tappahannock until January 1, 2027, and (ii)
examine the practice of commercial electrofishing in the waters of the Commonwealth and submit a report
of its findings and recommendations to the Chairs of the House Committee on Agriculture, Chesapeake and
Natural Resources and the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources no later
than January 1, 2027.*

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