

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA**

PUBLIC NOTICE

**PERMANENT RE-ENACTMENT WITHOUT SUNSET DATE OF CHAPTER 12 OF THE
BANKRUPTCY CODE INCLUDING THE ADDITION OF FAMILY FISHERMEN
PROVISIONS**

On April 20, 2005, the President signed into law S. 256 (Pub.L.No.109-8, 119 Stat. 23), which permanently re-enacts chapter 12 of the Bankruptcy Code without a sunset date. New definitions have been added to section 101 of the Bankruptcy Code for “commercial fishing operation,” “commercial fishing vessel,” “family fisherman,” and “family fisherman with regular annual income.” A family fisherman may be a debtor under chapter 12. (S. 256, Title X – Protection of Family Farmers and Family Fishermen, Sec 1007).

Title X of S. 256 is effective Friday, July 1, 2005.

William C. Redden
Clerk of Court

Date: July 1, 2005