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Abandoned gill net found near Choptank's mouth

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ANNAPOLIS Department of Natural Resources police removed a 300 to 350-yard abandoned gill net full of dead fish and birds April 27 from the Chesapeake Bay near the mouth of the Choptank River.

The net had hundreds of pounds of dead and decaying striped bass, alewives, croakers, bluefish and sea birds. A boater alerted officials after his boat went through the nets.

Drift gill nets stay in the water and have attached floats and sinkers, with a net that is too small for fish to pass through. Licensed commercial fisherman can use the nets but must stay within two miles of it in the Bay and one mile of it in the Atlantic Ocean or Bay tributaries.

Anyone with information can call 1-800-628-9944 and ask to speak to an officer who works in the area of the violation.

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