CALL TO ACTION
Oyster Sanctuary Under Threat
May Be Opened to Public Harvest

St. Mary's City, Nov 9—At the State's invitation, the St. Mary's county oyster committee submitted a proposal to the Secretary of DNR and the Oyster Advisory Committee to open most of the St. Mary's River Oyster Sanctuary to public harvest. In fact, many of Maryland's sanctuaries are under similar threat from relevant county oyster committees. These committees are made up of license watermen only. Yet oysters are a publically-owned resource—the public should be a part of any decision. Therefore the SMRWA has submitted our proposal to manage our sanctuary (see article below).

PLEASE WRITE A LETTER TO SECRETARY BELTON AND THE OYSTER ADVISORY COMMISSION AND TELL THEM TO PROTECT THE ST. MARY'S RIVER SANCTUARY AND ALL OF MARYLAND'S SANCTUARIES. Ask them to designate the St. Mary's as one of five tributaries to be restored using federal monies.