

Coastal Recreational Fisheries Forum Summary

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The presentation given by Mike Luisi is available online.

<http://dnr.maryland.gov/fisheries/management/?com=cff&page=meetings>.

We heard:

- Regional management of summer flounder is essential
- Summer flounder and striped bass bay fisheries are shifting to nearshore reefs
- Octopus hooks are bad for summer flounder
- Commercial clamming – against mechanical methods of clamming in the Coastal Bays
 - Leave them in for the filtering value
 - Concern for damage to Submerged Aquatic Vegetation (SAV)
- Unmanaged forage species – prioritize the developing market species
- Some people oppose Saturday commercial fishing for striped bass
- Request for at least one full time artificial reef employee

Action items that we are working on:

- Request for commercial landings
- Summer flounder management for 2016 in response to quota reduction
- Literature search on summer flounder mortality by hook type and size

Answers to questions:

- Most summer flounder are mature by age 3-4.