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Meeting of the MD DNR Artificial Reef Committee

Friday, October 16, 2015, 2:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.

Tawes State Office Building, C-1A Conference Room, Annapolis, MD 21401

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Draft Agenda*

2:00 PM: Welcome and General Announcements – Erik Zlokovitz, MD DNR Fisheries Service and Monty Hawkins

Desired Outcome – opening remarks and announcements

2:05 PM: MARI Treasurer's Report – Ed Liccione

Desired Outcome – Update on status of funds, discuss allocation of funds

- Update on existing funds in MARI 501(c)(3) account.

2:10 PM: Presentation by Dr. Joe Love on reef ball project in Potomac River for largemouth bass habitat.

Desired Outcome – Project description and funding request for reef ball project at National Harbor

2:25 PM: Discuss process to name Clint Waters Memorial Reef, Bill Huppert Reef, and possible project options to honor George Bentz of PSG

Desired Outcome – Discuss the process to officially name existing reef sites after Clint Water and Bill Huppert, and discuss possible projects in upper Bay/Patapsco area for George Bentz.

2:50 PM: Discussion of enhancement of Little Cove Pt Reef site – requested by Solomons area charter captains

Desired Outcome – Discuss enhancement of Little Cove Pt reef site, a lower Bay site that has not received material since old MES reef program, circa 1996-2006

3:00 PM: Donation of Materials from Exelon/Calvert Cliffs Plant and interest in developing new site off Parker's Creek/Calvert County

Desired Outcome – Discuss interest from Exelon to donate materials and develop a new site off the Parker's Creek/Calvert County area.

3:10 PM: Update on proposed shallow water/shoreline protection reef ball reef at CBEC, Grasonville

Desired Outcome – Project update on reef ball site for shallow water habitat and protection of shoreline at CBEC (ARC already approved \$2000 in funding).

3:20 PM: 2014 reef construction project and permit updates – Erik Zlokovitz, MD DNR Fisheries Service, Karl Willey, Bill Huppert, and Monty Hawkins.

Desired Outcome – Update committee on status of 2015 reef construction projects and permits.

MARI funded:

- Tilghman Reef – materials donated from Benedictine School

Non-MARI funded:

- Memorial Stadium Reef Ball Site (annual May deployment), deployed by CBF, reef balls built by MSSA volunteers. Reef expanded by 1.5 acres (Approved by Army Corps). Bill Huppert and Erik Zlokovitz.
- Dominion-Cove Pt. donated concrete 2015. Five bargeloads deployed at Taylor's Island.

OCRF funded:

- Ocean Reefs, coral castle blocks, Capt. Monty Hawkins
- Ocean Reefs, larger material deployed from OCRF barge or other vessels

Bay Permit Update:

- Status of Bay Reef permit

4:20 PM: Other Surveys and Monitoring update- Erik Zlokovitz, MD DNR Fisheries Service

Desired Outcome – Update the committee on the status of field monitoring surveys.

- 2015 MARI logbook survey
- Bill Burton Pier fishing survey with CBF/MSSA-continuing pre and post surveys (Ongoing)
- Volunteer angler website survey on DNR website

4:30 PM: Outreach Efforts

Desired Outcome – Update on Winter/Spring 2016 outreach (Fishing shows and other opportunities).

- Review MARI outreach activities in 2015 (shows, website, constant contact, social media, etc.)
- Possible shows for winter 2016: MSSA- Frederick, and Pasadena Fishing Group .

4:40 PM: Election of chairs and vice chair (2 year terms) and attendance– Erik Zlokovitz

Desired Outcome – Election of chair and vice chair and attendance reminder.

- Election of chair and vice-chair
- Reminder on attendance for ARC members

4:50 PM: 2015 ARC Meeting Schedule – Erik Zlokovitz.

Desired Outcome –Establish next meeting date and times for 2016:

Proposed dates-late March, 2016 and late October 2016, 2:00 – 5:00 PM, avoid Fridays. All meetings to be held in Tawes State Office Building in Annapolis, MD

4:55 PM: **Public Comment

5:00 PM: Adjourn

*The Draft agenda is subject to change

**Public Comment as time allows