



Larry Hogan, Governor
Boyd Rutherford, Lt. Governor
Mark Belton, Secretary
Joanne Throwe, Deputy Secretary

Meeting of the Sport Fisheries Advisory Commission
January 26, 2016
C-1 Conference Room
DNR Tawes Office Building
580 Taylor Ave
Annapolis, MD 21403

Summary of Motions & Actions

Commissioners in Attendance: Chairman Bill Goldsborough, Ed O'Brien, Jim Gracie, Mark DeHoff, Phil Langley, Roger Trageser, Vice-Chairman Dave Sikorski, Rachel Dean, Val Lynch, Ray Morgan, Micah Dammeyer (via phone), Beverly Fleming, John Neely, Rob Hardy, proxy Grant Soukup (for Dr Ray Morgan via phone) and proxy Frank Tuma (for Tim Smith).

Commissioner Absent and Not Represented: James Wommack and Bobby Leonard.

DNR Staff Attending: Fisheries Director Dave Blazer, Lynn Fegley, Lt. Aaron Parker, Alexei Sharov, Paul Genovese, Mike Luisi, Tony Prochaska, George O'Donnell, Angela Giuliano, Sarah Widman, Paul Peditto, and Dave Goshorn.

Members of the Public Attending: Dave Smith, Ken Lewis, Eddie Green, Greg Shute, David Zajano, Curtis Johns, Bruno Vasta and numerous others who did not sign in.

Action Items:

- Red drum – informal workgroup formed. David Sikorski and Mark DeHoff will work with staff (Genine Lipkey and Harry Rickabaugh) to develop possible tagging study and report findings back to commission during next meeting. Study results could possibly be useful towards future red drum management decisions.
- Coldwater fishery (trout) – informal workgroup formed. Micah Dammeyer, John Neely, Jim Gracie and proxy Grant Soukup will work with staff (Tony Prochaska).
- Staff will write a response to Chairman Goldsborough on inquiry of blue crab regulations.
- Staff will research gray trout stock status and report out to commission

Motions:

- Adopted Spring Trophy Season Motion (April 16th - May 15th, 2016) by Ed O'Brien, seconded by Frank Tuma.

*Department will present and seek approval from the ASMFC with the **1 fish/person/day @ 35"** minimum option as the preferred management tool to meet mandated reductions during the spring striped bass trophy season.*

- Adopted Summer/Fall Season Motion (May 16th - December 20th, 2016) by Rachel Dean, seconded by Val Lynch.

*Department will present and seek approval from the ASMFC striped bass technical committee for the **1 fish/person/trip @ 18" min OR 2 fish/person/trip @ 20" minimum with 1 >=28"** option (known as the Captain's Choice Option) during the Chesapeake Bay summer/fall striped bass season. If the Captain's Choice option is not approved by the technical committee, the Department would then seek approval from the ASMFC the **"2 fish/person/day @ 20" minimum with one >= 28"** option as the preferred management tool to meet mandated reductions.*

For this option, the entire vessel would have to decide whether to keep 1 fish/person/trip at an 18" min or keep 2 fish/person/trip at a 20"min with only one fish over 28". Anglers on the vessel cannot mix and match the selection of which regulation to follow on that trip. Shore based anglers could make the choice on an individual basis.

The above motion is an amended motion, the initial motion, which was put forth by Frank Tuma and seconded by Mark DeHoff, stated the status quo as the preferred option to present to ASMFC ("**2 fish/person/day @ 20" minimum with one >= 28">**").

- Adopted Coastal/Atlantic Season Motion (January 1st - December 31st, 2016) by Val Lynch, seconded by Rob Hardy.

*Department to present and seek approval from the ASMFC for the **2 fish/person/day @ 28"-38" or >=44"** option (This is Delaware's current regulation) as the preferred management tool to meet mandated reductions in the Coastal/Atlantic striped bass fishery.*

Tentative Agenda Items for Next Meeting:

- Vote on Chair and Vice-Chair for commission

Next Meeting Date: April 26, 2016

To be held in the Conference Room C-1 of the Tawes Building from 2:00-5:00 PM.