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Meeting of the Sport Fisheries Advisory Commission
April 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, Greg Madjeski (proxy for Phil Langley), Roger Trageser, Vice-Chairman Dave Sikorski, Rachel Dean, Val Lynch, Micah Dammeyer, Chris Pittas (proxy for Beverly Fleming), John Neely, Rob Hardy, Dr Ray Morgan and James Wommack

Commissioners Absent and Not Represented: Tim Smith and Bobby Leonard.

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

Members of the Public Attending: David Zajano, Ken Lewis, William Alcarese, Grant Soukup, Katie Moose, Chief of Staff - Office of Delegate Johnny Mautz, Larry Jennings, John Page Williams.

Action Items:

- Fishing Gear Workgroup meeting on June 2,
- Penalty Workgroup meeting on June 2, lead by Sarah Widman, SFAC commissioners signed on to attend include; Roger Trageser, James Wommack, Val Lynch and Tim Smith
- Commission will monitor trends on conflicts related to blue crab gear and regulations and report back if needed. This action item is a result of a presentation by Mr Alcarese who requested regulations be reviewed, specifically asking for recreational traps be set in straight line, commercial trotlines be set in straight line and have both recreational and commercial daily start times be the same.
- Staff will research fines associated with Hook & Liners running illegal charters and how fine is applied, this is a follow up to an action item addressed from January 28 meeting:
Hook & Line Commercial / Illegal Charter – Staff will send a letter to permit holders reminding them that there is a regulation that makes the practice of running paid charters while also commercially hook & lining an illegal practice. Staff will also use this letter to remind them of the citation/fine associated with the penalty. *Staff research found the fine for this provision is \$450. There could be a suspension related penalty but it would depend on how the ticket was written.*
- Staff will continue to attempt finalization of Maryland's coastal recreational striped bass regulations for 2016. This action item is a follow up to a motion passed during the January 26 meeting, Maryland is waiting for Delaware to finalize their regulations:

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.

- Staff will review the fine Virginia imposes on the illegal harvest of female blue crabs and report out to commission. *Jaime Green with Virginia's MRC responded to DNR request for Virginia's fine for harvesting female blue crab, here is Jaime's reply: It's a class 3 misdemeanor max of \$500 fine first offense. Second offense, within 12 months, is a class 1 misdemeanor. Maximum is \$2500 and or a year in jail. Typically the charge on the first offense is around \$150 second \$250 very rarely if ever is there jail time associated with these types of charges.*
- Ed O'Brien reminded Department to monitor conflict between summer gill netters and charter boat captains.

Motions:

- Bill Goldsborough named as Sport Fisheries Advisory Commission Chairperson, motion called by Jim Gracie, seconded by Ray Morgan, unanimous yea vote.
- David Sikorski named as Sport Fisheries Advisory Commission Vice-Chairperson, motion called by John Neely, seconded by Roger Trageser, unanimous yea vote.
- Formation of a Black Bass Advisory Sub-Committee, sub-committee will advise commission on black bass related items, meeting quarterly. Motion called by Jim Gracie, seconded by John Neely, unanimous yea vote.

Tentative Agenda Items for Next Meeting:

- Vote on SFAC liaison to TFAC

Next Meeting Date: July 19, 2016

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