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Meeting of the Sport Fisheries Advisory Commission
July 19, 2016
Tawes State Office Building
C-1 Conference Room
Annapolis, MD 21401
2-5 PM

Preliminary Agenda*

2:00 - 2:20 Welcome, Announcements/Updates, Public Comment – Dave Blazer, MD DNR and Bill Goldsborough, SFAC Chairman

Desired Outcome: Inform

2:20 - 2:25 NRP Activity Report, Lieutenant Art Windemuth, MD DNR NRP

Desired Outcome: Update

2:25 - 2:30 Vote in SFAC commissioner to sit on TFAC – Dave Blazer

Desired Outcome: Final vote

2:30 - 3:05 Estuarine & Marine - Michael Luisi, MD DNR

- ASMFC / MAFMC updates and announcements
- Black Sea Bass Update
- Cobia Update
- Menhaden – 12K pound bycatch, 2017 quota and Amendment 3
- Striped Bass Management - 2017 and beyond

Desired Outcome: Inform and discussion

3:05 - 3:20 Summary of Yellow Perch FMP Amendment & Briefing on Allocation Policy, Triggered by Yellow Perch Request – Michael Luisi

Desired Outcome: Inform commission

3:20 - 3:30 Bay Catfish Advocates - Introduce Organization's Perspective - Brad Hierstetter

Desired Outcome: Inform commission, seek support



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- 3:30 – 3:50 Recreational Blue Crab Regulations/Rules - Jacob Holtz, MD DNR
- White paper – Jacob Holtz, MD DNR
 - Present recreational crabbing issues – Mr. Bill Alcarese, Citizen

Desired Outcome: Report out to Commission on action item

- 3:50 – 3:55 Updates from Gear Workgroup – Jacob Holtz, MD DNR

Desired Outcome: Report out to commission

- 3:55 – 4:15 Policy Program - Sarah Widman, MD DNR
- Recreational Oystering License Workgroup
 - Regulatory Update
 - Scoping Update
 - Penalty Workgroup – Report Out

Desired Outcome: Update commission

- 4:15 - 4:20 Black Bass Advisory Subcommittee – Commissioner Trageser

Desired Outcome: Report out on subcommittee meeting

- 4:20 - 4:35 Overview/results of General Angler Preference Survey – Scott Knoche, Morgan State University (PEARL)

Desired Outcome: Report out to Commission

- 4:35 - 4:50 Overview/Results of Wild Trout Angler Preference Survey – Al Heft, MD DNR

Desired Outcome: Report out to commission

- 4:50 - 4:55 Wild Trout Subcommittee – Commissioner Gracie

Desired Outcome: Report out on subcommittee meeting

- 4:55 - 5:00 Closing Remarks – Chairman Bill Goldsborough and David Blazer

- 5:00 Adjourn

*The Preliminary agenda is subject to change



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**Public comment as time allows. Public observers will be allowed to address the SFAC at the designated time period on the agenda for each meeting. For topics that are not on the agenda, the Chairperson will use a public sign-up list in deciding how to allocate the available time on the agenda to the number of people who want to speak. For topics on the agenda, the Chairperson will try to provide an opportunity for comment, taking into account the time allotted on the agenda for the topic.

Handouts: NRP Report & Notes, Yellow Perch Allocation Request and FMP Draft Amendment, Bay Catfish Advocates, Crabbing Recreational Rules and Photos, Gear Summary, Regulatory Updates with Gear Workgroup output, Scoping Updates with Gear Workgroup output, Inland Monthly Report (June)

Outstanding Action Items from January 26, 2016
Meeting of the Sport Fisheries Advisory Commission

- Red drum informal workgroup. 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.

Action Items from April 28, 2016
Meeting of the Sport Fisheries Advisory Commission

- ✓ 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.



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- ✓ Staff will research fines associated with Hook & Liners running illegal charters and how fine is applied *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.
 - ✓ 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.
- ✓ = Completed
● = Not completed