



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

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, Phil Langley, Roger Trageser, Vice-Chairman Dave Sikorski, Rachel Dean, Micah Dammeyer, Beverly Fleming, John Neely, Rob Hardy, Dr Ray Morgan and James Wommack.

Commissioners Absent and Not Represented: Tim Smith and Val Lynch.

DNR Staff Attending: Fisheries Director Dave Blazer, Sgt. Art Windemuth, Sgt Brian Albert, Paul Genovese, Mike Luisi, Tony Prochaska, George O'Donnell, Sarah Widman, Brenda Davis, Alan Heft, Susan Rivers.

Members of the Public Attending: William Alcarese, Larry Jennings, John Page Williams, Scott Knoche, Howard King, Terrence Fleming.

Action Items:

- Formation of SFAC/TFAC Spot-Croaker-White Perch Workgroup, workgroup will analyze the management and biology of these species in an effort to determine cause of wide catch fluctuations reported to commissioners. Regional water quality assessments will also be included in analysis. Workgroup will be comprised of SFAC commissioners James Wommack and Phil Langley and an NRP officer (to be determined). A request to have TFAC members sit on workgroup occurred during the TFAC July 21 meeting.
- Commission members will provide feedback to the Department on the yellow perch FMP amendment by August 19.
- The NRP will provide the commission with information on how to effectively communicate with the NRP when the need arises.
- The recreational blue crab regulation ideas presented during the meeting will move to the gear workgroup. Items include possible better markings of trap and trotlines buoys and pattern of traps when deployed. Add Bill Alcarese to gear workgroup interest list.
- The TFAC/SFAC Recreational Oyster License Workgroup will meet again for more discussion on possible license and bushel limits.
- Department staff will report back to commission on possible water quality patterns (negative impact) in lower bay.

Motions:

- SFAC voted unanimously to have Bill Goldsborough hold SFAC seat at TFAC meetings.
- SFAC supports and will send a letter to the Maryland Department of the Environment (cc'ing Secretary Belton) requesting listed streams be reclassified as USE IIP. The commission also asks for clarification of MDE's stream reclassification request policy. Motion by John Neely, seconded by Mark Dehoff, unanimous yea vote.

Tentative Agenda Items for Next Meeting:

- Vote on 2017 meeting dates and times

Next Meeting Date: October 18, 2016

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