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Meeting of the Sport Fisheries Advisory Commission
October 18, 2016
Tawes State Office Building
C-1 Conference Room
Annapolis, MD 21401
2-5 PM

Preliminary Agenda*

2:00 - 2:15 Welcome, Announcements/Updates, Public Comment** – Dave Blazer, MD DNR and Bill Goldsborough, SFAC Chairman

Desired Outcome: Inform

2:15 - 2:20 SFAC 2017 Meeting Schedule – Dave Blazer

- Discuss Options
- Finalize

Desired Outcome: Commission Agreement

2:20 - 2:30 NRP Activity Report, Sgt. Donald Mackall, MD DNR NRP

Desired Outcome: Update and report out on NRP priorities through next quarter

2:30 – 2:40 Oyster Advisory Update – Dave Blazer

Desired Outcome: Report out to commission

2:40 – 2:50 Gear Workgroup Updates – Jacob Holtz, MD DNR

Desired Outcome: Report out to commission

2:50 – 3:20 Policy Program - Sarah Widman, MD DNR

- Regulatory Update
- Scoping Update
 - Cownose Rays
- 2015 FMP Legislative Report
- 2016 FMP Updates

Desired Outcome: Update commission



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- 3:20 - 3:25 Recreational Oyster License Workgroup Updates – Sarah Widman
Desired Outcome: Report out to commission
- 3:25 - 3:40 Chesapeake Bay Water Quality Patterns – Tom Parham, MD DNR Resource Assessment
Desired Outcome: Fulfill action item, inform commission
- 3:40 - 4:10 Estuarine & Marine - Michael Luisi, MD DNR
- ASMFC / MAFMC updates and announcements
 - Striped Bass Tournament Policy
 - Cobia Update
 - Menhaden Update
- Desired Outcome: Inform and discussion
- 4:10 - 4:25 Yellow Perch Allocation Request and FMP Amendment – Michael Luisi
Desired Outcome: Fulfill action item and seek commission's recommendation
- 4:25 - 4:40 Freshwater Fisheries – Tony Prochaska, MD DNR
- Felt-Soled Wader Regulation: Reevaluation
 - Freshwater Fisheries Report
- Desired Outcome: Report out
- 4:40 - 4:55 Black Bass Advisory Subcommittee – Commissioner Trageser
Desired Outcome: Report out on subcommittee meeting
- 4:55 - 5:00 Closing Remarks, Public Comment** – Chairman Bill Goldsborough and David Blazer
- 5:00 Adjourn



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Handouts: Agenda, Draft 2016 Budget Report, Proposed 2017 Meeting Schedule, NRP Report, Gear Workgroup Summary, Regulatory and Penalty Updates, Recreational Oyster Meeting Summary, Black Bass Sept Meeting Summary, Black Bass Tournament Amended Special Conditions.

Action Items from July 19, 2016
Meeting of the Sport Fisheries Advisory Commission

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, TFAC commissioners Robert T. Brown and Rachel Dean and an unnamed NRP officer. Workgroup is led by DNR's Michael Luisi and is tentatively planning on a November 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 supports and will send a letter to the Maryland Department of the Environment (cc'ing Secretary Belton) requesting listed streams be reclassified as USE IIIP. The commission also asks for clarification of MDE's stream reclassification request policy. Motion by John Neely, seconded by Mark DeHoff, unanimous yea vote.

Outstanding Action Items from Prior Meetings

- 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.

- ✓ = Completed
- = Not completed



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Upcoming Meeting / Dates

Artificial Reef Committee: Oct 13

Coastal Recreational & Commercial Fisheries Forums: Oct 21

ASMFC: Oct 23-27

American Eel Workgroup: Nov 3

Aquaculture Coordinating Council: Nov 10

Oyster Advisory Commission: Nov 14, Dec 12 and Jan 9

Potomac River Fisheries Commission: Dec 2

Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council: Dec 15-17

*The Preliminary agenda is subject to change

**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.