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Meeting of the Black Bass Advisory Subcommittee
August 9, 2016
Tawes State Office Building
C-1 Conference Room
Annapolis, MD 21401

Summary of Motions & Actions

Subcommittee members in Attendance: Dennis Fleming (Chair), Kenneth Penrod III (Vice Chair), Andy Andrzejewski, Keith Barker, Thomas Bateman, Steve Chaconas, Stephen Hawks, Bryan Kelly, Nicholas Kuttner, Scott Sewell, Roger Trageser, Steve Weimar, and John Wheeler.

Commissioners Absent and Represented: Steve Chaconas (phone-in)

DNR Staff Attending: Fisheries Director Dave Blazer, Tony Prochaska, Gina Hunt, Mary Groves, Joe Love

Members of the Public Attending: Gene Gilliland

Action Items:

- DNR Staff will purchase tent table cards for each committee member.
- DNR Staff will provide an electronic copy of "Special Conditions" to subcommittee members for their consideration prior to the next subcommittee meeting.
- DNR Staff will provide an electronic map of possible closed or catch & return areas to subcommittee members for their consideration prior to the next subcommittee meeting.

Motions:

- The subcommittee nominated and elected Chair and Vice Chair. Dennis Fleming was the sole nominee for Chair and was elected to the position. Two subcommittee members were nominated as Vice Chair. Kenneth Penrod III was elected by a vote of 7-6.
- The subcommittee motioned to consider a possession restriction or waiver option statewide between June 16 and the end of February. The motion was amended to include only Potomac River and the upper Chesapeake Bay, defined as waters north of a horizontal line drawn from Turkey Point and west to shore.
- The subcommittee voted to adopt the possession restriction (i.e., [Option 2 of Method 1](#)) by a vote of 8-4 with 1 member abstaining.

Tentative Agenda Items for Next Meeting:

- Vote on catch-and-return or no target areas (i.e., [Method 2](#)).
- Discuss "Special Conditions"

Next Meeting Date: September 13, 2016

To be held in the Conference Room C-1 of the Tawes Building from 6:00 - 8:30 PM

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DNR Staff Attending: Fisheries Director Dave Blazer, Tony Prochaska, Gina Hunt, Joe Love

Members of the Public Attending: There were 12 members from the public in attendance.

Action Items:

- DNR Staff will consider amending language in "Special Conditions" as motioned and voted in favor (below)
- Roger Trageser, as secretary, will create and disseminate minutes of the meeting. Minutes will include a public record of subcommittee members' vote.
- Dennis Fleming will generate a recommendation from the subcommittee and provide it to Roger Trageser who will then present it to the Sport Fish Advisory Commission in October.

Motions:

- The subcommittee nominated and elected Roger Trageser as Secretary for the subcommittee. The motion was passed unanimously.
- Scott Sewell motioned to eliminate all presented options for [Method 2](#) and to not create additional catch-and-return or no-target areas in tidal water. The motion was seconded by Steve Chaconas. The motion passed by a vote of 8 in favor and 4 opposed. The four dissenting voters were Andy Andrzejewski, Phillip Museggas (proxy for Nick Kuttner), Kenneth Penrod III, and Keith Barker.
- It was motioned by Steve Weimar to amend language in "[Special Conditions](#)" from "Additional Special Conditions may be added by Regional Fisheries staff as deemed necessary" to "Additional and alternative special conditions may be developed with assistance from the Department." By show of hands, the majority of the subcommittee voted in favor of the change.
- It was motioned by Steve Weimar to strike language in "[Special Conditions](#)" that required tournament participants to use a separate bag for a 5-pound fish. The motion was carried by a unanimous show of hands.
- It was motioned to strike language that required tournament participants to use non-piercing culling devices. By show of hands, the majority of committee members voted to keep the language that required tournament participants to use non-piercing culling devices.

Tentative Agenda Items for Next Meeting:

- Additional parking lot issues.
- Feedback from Potomac River Fisheries Commission meeting (Dec 2) and Sport Fisheries Advisory Commission meeting (Oct 18).

Next Meeting Date: January 2017, To be held in the Conference Room C-1 of the Tawes Building from 6:00 - 8:30 PM