



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

Meeting of the Tidal Fisheries Advisory Commission
January 28, 2016
C-1 Conference Room
DNR Tawes Office Building
580 Taylor Ave
Annapolis, MD 21403

Summary of Motions & Actions

Commissioners in Attendance: Chairman William (Billy) Rice, Bill Goldsborough, Gale Sindorf, Rachel Dean, Robert (Moochie) Gilmer, Bill Seiling, Aubrey Vincent, Charles Richard Manley, Ken Jeffries (proxy for Greg Jetton), Ray Moaddox (proxy for Lee Wilson).

Commissioner Absent and Not Represented: John Martin (previously resigned), Dale Dawson, Mike Benjamin (resigned), Richard Young (resigned).

DNR Staff Attending: Fisheries Director Dave Blazer, Paul Genovese, Sarah Widman, Jodi Baxter, Brenda Davis, Mike Luisi, George O'Donnell, Gina Hunt, Lt. Aaron Parker, Angela Giuliano, Carrie Kennedy, Chris Judy, Karen Knotts.

Members of the Public Speaking Attending: Robert T. Brown, Margie Wilden

Action Items:

- Commission asked staff to research a possible recreational oyster license/permit and present information at next commission 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.*
- Hook & Liners – commission agreed to move the discussion regarding complaints of charter boats running paid charters while participating in the commercial hook & line fishery to the striped bass workgroup.
- Chris Judy will work with Mitch Tarnowski to research the request presented by George O'Donnell to expand existing clamming grounds, Chris will report findings out to commission.
- George O'Donnell will reply to individual with inquiry into blue catfish and gear type options.
- George O'Donnell will review the Fisheries Service's role regarding diamondback terrapin and the Wildlife & Heritage Service and present findings/recommendations to the commission.
- Request to extend the use of pound nets beyond December 31 of each year and allow pound netters to fish on the following year's quota. Commission moved the request to the striped bass workgroup.

Motions:

- Commission passed motion issued by Billy Rice, seconded by Moochie Gilmer. Motion stated position held on a waitlist does not transfer to beneficiary.
- Commission passed motion issued by Billy Rice, seconded by Richard Manley. Motion stated Commission will write a letter to Secretary Belton as for the Departments continued aid in supporting the Potomac River Fisheries Commission and its work on finding alternatives to the Virginia Dominion Power's Possum Point Power Station discharge permit.

Tentative Agenda Items for Next Meeting:

- None

Next Meeting Date: April 28, 2016

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