



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

Meeting of the Tidal Fisheries Advisory Commission
April 28, 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 Billy Rice, TFAC Chairman
Desired Outcome: Inform
- 2:20 - 2:25 NRP Activity Report, Acting Lt. Aaron Parker, MD DNR NRP
Desired Outcome: Update
- 2:25 - 2:40 Vote on Chair and Vice-Chair – Dave Blazer
Desired Outcome: Appoint Chair and Vice-Chair to two year terms
- 2:40 - 2:50 Beneficiary Transfer of a Wait-listed Position - Guest
Desired Outcome: Request Commission to reconsider January motion
- 2:50 - 3:15 Policy Program - Sarah Widman, MD DNR
- Legislative Update
 - Regulatory Update
 - Feasibility of Recreational Oyster License / Charter Permit (Handout)
 - Scoping Update
 - Fishery Management Plans
 1. 2016 Highlights
 2. Oyster Restoration Workplan edits
 3. Blue Crab Workplan edits
- Desired Outcome: Update, Discussion and Inform
- 3:15 - 4:15 Estuarine & Marine - Michael Luisi and Lynn Fegley, MD DNR
- ASMFC / MAFMC updates and announcements

- Formation of an Incentives with FACTS™ Workgroup
- Yellow Perch - Allocation Policy
- Cobia
- Blue Crab Winter Dredge Survey
- Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement – Blue Crab
- Black Drum
- Oyster 5-year report

Desired Outcome: Update and Discussion

4:15-4:35 Aquaculture and Public Oyster Fishery Dialogue – Rachel Dean, Commissioner

Desired Outcome: Open a dialogue between related industries

4:35 - 4:40 Feasibility of Reducing Geographic Restrictions on Clamming - Chris Judy, MD DNR

Desired Outcome: Report back to Commission on January action item.

4:40 – 4:50 Diamondback Terrapin – George O’Donnell, MD DNR

Desired Outcome: Report back to Commission on January action item.

4:50 - 4:55 **Public Comment

Desired Outcome: Inform Commission

4:55 - 5:00 Closing Remarks – Chairman Billy Rice and David Blazer

5:00 Adjourn

*The Preliminary agenda is subject to change

**Public comment as time allows. Public observers will be allowed to address the TFAC 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: MDE Response to DC related striped bass consumption advisory, NRP April Report, NRP Notes, E-Reporting with FACTS Workgroup Nominations Solicitation, E-Reporting FACTS Incentive Poster, 2016 Winter Dredge Survey Results, Department’s Allocation Policy, American Shad Update, Black Drum, Clam Dredging, Regulatory and Penalty Update, Public Oyster and Aquaculture Data Request, FMP 2016 Highlights, Blue Crab Workplan edits, Oyster Restoration Workplan edits, Terrapin Conservation Summary

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Action Items:

- Commission asked staff to research a possible recreational oyster license/permit and present information at next commission meeting. **On Draft Agenda**
- 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.* **Complete**
- 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. **On Draft Agenda**
- 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. **On Draft Agenda**

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.