



Larry Hogan, Governor
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Meeting of the Tidal Fisheries Advisory Commission
April 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, Robert T. Brown, JD Blackwell, Bill Goldsborough, Gale Sindorf, Rachel Dean, Robert (Moochie) Gilmer, Larry Powley (proxy for Aubrey Vincent), C. Richard Manley, Mike Smolek (proxy for Ken Jeffries), Russell Dize, Buddy Carson, Troy Wilkins, Bill Scerbo and Steve Lay.

Commissioner Absent and Not Represented: None

DNR Staff Attending: Fisheries Director Dave Blazer, Lynn Fegley, Paul Genovese, Sarah Widman, Brenda Davis, Mike Luisi, George O'Donnell, Paul Piavis, Lt. Art Windemuth, Carrie Kennedy, Chris Judy and Allison Cordell.

Members of the Public Attending: Margie Wilden, Katie Moose - Chief of Staff for the Office of Delegate Johnny Mautz, Emile Franke

Action Items:

- Formation of a Recreational Oyster Workgroup, workgroup will review and discuss the impacts of recreational oystering regulations on public shellfish bars along with enforcement issues related to these activities. Workgroup will report findings and possible ideas back to the commissions. Volunteering to sit on workgroup are Commissioners Dean, Blackwell, Gilmer and Goldsborough along with NRP Officer Art Windemuth. Solicitation of SFAC member volunteers to sit on workgroup requested.
- On the commercial fishing license application, request to insert an inclusion for add-ons under the Beneficiary Check box.
- Staffer Sarah Widman request volunteers for the Gear Workgroup, to date, Robert T. Brown volunteered.
- Staffer Sarah Widman request volunteers for the Penalty Workgroup, to date, Bill Scerbo, [Billy Rice](#), [Robert T. Brown](#) and [Aubrey Vincent](#) have volunteered.
- Staffer Sarah Widman with research and report out to commission on validity of labeling oysters farm-raised (aquaculture oysters) if they were harvested from public bars and then planted on private leases.
- Staffer Chris Judy will report out to the commission on both the regulatory and legislative process required to convert an area to allow public clamming.

Motions:

- Billy Rice named as Tidal Fisheries Advisory Commission Chairperson, motion called by Robert T Brown, seconded by Richard Manley, unanimous yea vote.
- Moochie Gilmer named as Tidal Fisheries Advisory Commission Vice-Chairperson, motion called by Richard Manley, seconded by Russell Dize, unanimous yea vote.
- In the case of Joyce Jones, named beneficiary of a commercial crabbing license, that she be granted the next available 600 pot endorsement. Due to the fact the Department had sent a letter notifying the grantee a CB6 license authorization was available for pick up. Motion called by Rachel Dean, seconded by Gail Sindorf, unanimous yea vote.
- Commissioner Gail Sindorf will draft a letter on behalf of the TFAC to the Bay Program, the letter will state the TFAC's point of view and concerns regarding the language within the blue crab workplan on Total Allowable Catch. The TFAC recommends no Total Allowable Catch. Motion called by Rachel Dean, seconded by Moochie Gilmer, unanimous yea vote.
- The TFAC ask the Department to place all aquaculture leases in the publication called "State of Maryland Shellfish Closure Areas", prepared by MDE and MD DNR. Motion called by Robert T. Brown, seconded by Moochie Gilmer, vote: Yea=10, Nay=1, Abstain=1.

Tentative Agenda Items for Next Meeting:

- Vote on TFAC liaison to SFAC

Next Meeting Date: July 21, 2016

To be held in the Conference Room C-1 of the Tawes Building from 3:00-6:00 PM.