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Meeting of the Tidal Fisheries Advisory Commission  
July 21, 2016  
Tawes State Office Building  
C-1 Conference Room  
Annapolis, MD 21401  
3-6 PM

Preliminary Agenda\*

- 3:00 - 3:20 Welcome, Announcements/Updates, Public Comment – Dave Blazer, MD DNR and Billy Rice, TFAC Chairman  
Desired Outcome: Inform
- 3:20 - 3:25 NRP Activity Report, Lieutenant Art Windemuth, MD DNR NRP  
Desired Outcome: Update
- 3:25 - 3:30 Vote in TFAC commissioner to sit on SFAC – Dave Blazer  
Desired Outcome: Final vote
- 3:40 – 4:00 Commercial License Late Renewal Request- Guest, Sarah Widman MD DNR  
Desired Outcome: Bring to Commission
- 4:00 – 4:10 Updates from Gear Workgroup – Jacob Holtz, MD DNR  
Desired Outcome: Report out to commission
- 4:10 - 4:35 Policy Program - Sarah Widman, MD DNR
- Recreational Oystering License Workgroup
  - Regulatory Update
  - Scoping Update
  - Penalty Workgroup – Report Out
- Desired Outcome: Update commission
- 4:35 - 5:05 Estuarine & Marine - Michael Luisi, MD DNR
- ASMFC / MAFMC updates and announcements

- Summary of Yellow Perch FMP Amendment & Allocation Request Update
- Menhaden – 12K pound bycatch, 2017 quota and Amendment 3

Desired Outcome: Update and Discussion

5:05 – 5:20 Forage Fish and You – Michael Luisi

Desired Outcome: Informational

5:20 - 5:40 Overview of an Aquaculture Facility – JD Blackwell, Commissioner

Desired Outcome: Informational

5:40 - 5:50 Options/Processes to Create a Public Clamming Area - Chris Judy, MD DNR

Desired Outcome: Fulfill action item, inform commission

5:50 - 5:55 \*\*Public Comment

Desired Outcome: Inform Commission

5:55 - 6:00 Closing Remarks – Chairman Billy Rice and David Blazer

6:00 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: NRP Report and Notes, Late License Renewal Handout, Gear Workgroup Summary, Regulatory – Scoping, Regulatory – Penalty Workgroup Summary, Yellow Perch Allocation Request and FMP Draft Amendment

## Action Items and Motions from April 28, 2016 Meeting of the Tidal Fisheries Advisory Commission

### **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. *SFAC members David Sikorski and James Wommack volunteered.*

- ✓ 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. *Scheduled*

### **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. *Follow up, the Shellfish and Aquaculture Programs met to discuss the language to include in future books, they decided on the following: Shellfish aquaculture leases are not depicted on the shellfish closure area maps contained in this book. The areas on these maps may contain private shellfish leases that are not open to the public fishery. Shellfish leases are required to be marked and it is illegal to take shellfish from a privately leased area. An online map of active leases is available on the Department's website at: <http://dnrweb.dnr.state.md.us/fisheries/aquatool/aquatool.asp>. For verification of active lease locations, harvesters may also contact the Department's Aquaculture Division at [410-260-8648](tel:410-260-8648).*

- ✓ = Completed
- = Not completed