



Larry Hogan, Governor
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Meeting of the Tidal Fisheries Advisory Commission
July 21, 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, Aubrey Vincent, Brian Nesspor (proxy for C. Richard Manley), Ken Jeffries, Buddy Carson, and Steve Lay.

Commissioner Absent and Not Represented: Troy Wilkins, Russell Dize, Bill Scerbo

DNR Staff Attending: Fisheries Director Dave Blazer, Paul Genovese, Sarah Widman, Brenda Davis, Mike Luisi, George O'Donnell, Lt. Art Windemuth, Chris Judy, David Goshorn, Jacob Holtz, Eric Campbell, Jodi Baxter and Allison Cordell.

Members of the Public Attending: Shawn Gibson, Kathy Sanford, Ted Sanford

Action Items:

- The TFAC/SFAC Recreational Oyster License Workgroup will meet again for more discussion on possible license and bushel limits. Staffer Sarah Widman will coordinate.
- Commission will review the Department's four options regarding late license renewal requests submitted past the current March 31 cutoff date and report out on their recommendations during the scheduled October 20 meeting.
- Commission recommends modifying the commercial license renewal form, they asked the Harvester License be included with the TFL (the check box) to avoid confusion. Staffer Sarah Widman will coordinate.
- Commission recommends the Department send a second late notice letter on March 15 of each year via certified letter to those who have yet to respond to previous requests to renew. Staffer Sarah Widman will coordinate.
- Department requested the commission to submit nominations for the Eel Industry Workgroup, a form is included in their meeting packet. Names can be submitted to Mike Luisi and/or Paul Genovese.
- Commission members will provide feedback to the Department on the yellow perch FMP amendment by August 19.
- The Striped Bass Workgroup will meet on August 16. Rescheduled to August 25.
- Commission will review the two options presented on how to expand clamming onto a chartered NOB and report out on their recommendations during the scheduled October 20 meeting.

- Formation of SFAC/TFAC Spot-Croaker-White Perch Workgroup, workgroup will analyze the management and biology of these species in an effort to determine cause of wide catch fluctuations reported to commissioners. Regional water quality assessments will also be included in analysis. Please submit volunteers to Michael Luisi, commissioners Robert T. Brown and Rachel Dean are currently on the workgroup along with a yet to be determined NRP officer and two SFAC members.
- Status on coastal clammers.
- Request to have buoys in Wicomico Creek moved, staffer Chris Judy will research and report out.

Motions:

- TFAC voted to have Rachel Dean hold TFAC seat at SFAC meetings. 10 yea's, 1 abstained.
- Commission asks the Department to accept all recommendations presented by the SFAC/TFAC Gear Workgroup which met on 7/8/2016. Motion by Robert T. Brown, seconded by Moochie Gilmer. Vote was unanimous - all yea's.

Tentative Agenda Items for Next Meeting:

- Vote on 2017 meeting dates and times.
- Forage Fish and You (postponed during July 21 meeting)
- Overview of an Aquaculture Facility (postponed during the July 21 meeting)

Next Meeting Date: October 20, 2016

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