



Larry Hogan, Governor
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Joanne Throwe, Deputy Secretary

Meeting of the Tidal Fisheries Advisory Commission
October 20, 2016
Tawes State Office Building
C-1 Conference Room
Annapolis, MD 21401
2-5 PM

Preliminary Agenda*

2:00 - 2:15 Welcome, Announcements/Updates, Public Comment** – Dave Blazer, MD DNR and Billy Rice, TFAC Chairman

Desired Outcome: Inform

2:15 - 2:20 TFAC 2017 Meeting Schedule – Dave Blazer

Desired Outcome: Commission Agreement

2:20 - 2:30 NRP Activity Report, Lieutenant Art Windemuth, MD DNR NRP

Desired Outcome: Update and report out on NRP priorities through next quarter

2:30 – 2:40 Oyster Advisory Update – Dave Blazer

Desired Outcome: Report out to commission

2:40 – 2:55 Overview of an Aquaculture Facility – JD Blackwell, Commissioner

Desired Outcome: Informational

2:55 – 3:05 Gear Workgroup Updates – Jacob Holtz, MD DNR

Desired Outcome: Report out to commission

3:05 – 3:35 Policy Program - Sarah Widman, MD DNR

- Regulatory & Penalty Update
- Scoping Update
 - Cownose Rays
- FMP Legislative Report and Updates

Desired Outcome: Update commission

- 3:35 - 3:40 Recreational Oyster License Workgroup Updates – Sarah Widman, MD DNR
Desired Outcome: Report out to commission
- 3:40 – 3:50 Commercial License Late Renewal Options - Sarah Widman MD DNR
Desired Outcome: Commission recommendation, fulfill action item
- 3:50 - 4:15 Monitoring and Assessment Division - Michael Luisi, MD DNR
- ASMFC / MAFMC updates and announcements
 - Menhaden update
- Desired Outcome: Inform and Discussion
- 4:15 - 4:30 Yellow Perch Allocation Request and FMP Amendment – Michael Luisi
Desired Outcome: Fulfill action item and seek commission’s recommendation
- 4:30 - 4:40 Creating a Public Clamming Area – Chairperson Billy Rice, Chris Judy, MD DNR
Desired Outcome: Fulfill action item, commission reports out on their recommendation
- 4:40 - 4:50 Buoys in Wicomico Creek – Chris Judy
Desired Outcome: Fulfill action item, report out to commission
- 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

Handouts: Proposed 2017 Meeting Schedule, NRP Report, Gear Workgroup Summary, Regulatory and Penalty Updates, Scoping Updates, Recreational Oyster Meeting Summary, Un-renewed License Options, Thank you Email from Unrenewed Licensee’s Mother, Cownose Rays Background, Clam Area Expansion Procedure Options,

Upcoming Meetings / Dates

Artificial Reef Committee: Oct 13

Coastal Recreational & Commercial Fisheries Forums: Oct 21

ASMFC: Oct 23-27

American Eel Workgroup: Nov 3

Aquaculture Coordinating Council: Nov 10

Oyster Advisory Commission: Nov 14, Dec 12 and Jan 9

Potomac River Fisheries Commission: Dec 2

Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council: Dec 15-17

Action Items and Motions from July 21, 2016
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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.
- 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.

- ✓ = Completed
- = Not completed

*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.