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Meeting of the Tidal Fisheries Advisory Commission  
October 20, 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, Vice-Chair Robert (Moochie) Gilmer, Robert T. Brown, JD Blackwell, William (Bill) Goldsborough, Gale Sindorf, Rachel Dean, C. Richard Manley, Ken Jeffries, Buddy Carson, William (Bill) Scerbo, William (Troy) Wilkins and Steve Lay.

**Commissioner Absent and Not Represented:** Aubrey Vincent

**DNR Staff Attending:** Fisheries Director Dave Blazer, Paul Genovese, Sarah Widman, Brenda Davis, Mike Luisi, George O'Donnell, Lt. Art Windemuth, Corporal Catherine Medellin, Chris Judy, Bruce Michaels, Jodi Baxter, Carrie Kennedy, Lynn Fegley, Simon Brown and Paul Piavis.

**Members of the Public Attending:** Bill Seiling, Ed O'Brien

#### **Action Items:**

- TFAC 2017 meeting dates/times approved.
- Commission will supply comments/edits on finfish trotline options. Staff will edit draft language to include all catfish, not only blue catfish.
- SFAC formed an Outreach Subcommittee, the subcommittee will review the departments current outreach tools and discuss/recommend new ideas. SFAC members on subcommittee include Jim Gracie, Micah Dammeyer, John Kneely, Rob Hardy, Dave Smith and Phil Langley. TFAC members Ken Jeffries and Moochie Gilmer volunteered to sit on subcommittee.
- SFAC/TFAC Spot-Croaker-White Perch Workgroup meeting pushed back until ASMFC assessment is complete. Commissioners Robert T. Brown and Rachel Dean are currently on the workgroup along with a NRP officer and two SFAC members.
- During the SFAC meeting a subcommittee was formed to review/discuss/report out to commissions on departments recommendation to alter the yellow perch FMP in order to manage commercial overages in a more reasonable way. TFAC members volunteering for subcommittee are Steve Lay and Billy Rice, SFAC members include Jim Gracie and David Sikorski.

#### **Motions:**

- *TFAC recommends that the Department abide by the laws/regulations that govern license renewal. This is in response to action item from July meeting - 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. Commission recommended option 1: “The Department can choose to maintain our current position and do nothing”. Motion by Moochie Glimer, seconded by Robert T. Brown. 12 in favor, 2 abstained.

- *The department, through its regulatory process, will define only the oyster bars under consideration for clamming activity (instead of creating a regulation for all NOB’s).* TFAC chose this option as its recommendation to the department on how it should proceed if it were to consider expanding clamming activities into a chartered Natural Oyster Bar (NOB). Motion by Moochie Gilmer, seconded by Robert T. Brown, 10 in favor, 1 abstained.

**Tentative Agenda Items for Next Meeting:**

**Next Meeting Date:** January 26, 2016

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