

Coastal Recreational Fisheries Forum

April 8, 2016

Agenda



Follow Up from the October 2015 Forum

- Commercial Landings
- HB 916 Mechanical Dredging
- Unmanaged Forage Species
- Saturday Fishing for Commercial SB fleet
- Dedicated Artificial Reef Coordinator

Other Topics of Interest

- Access Point Angler Intercept Survey
- Cobia / Blueline Tilefish / Striped Bass
- Bow-fishing

Open Discussion

Commercial Landings



2008-2014 State Commercial Finfish Landings for Maryland's Coastal Northern Bays.							
Species (% Harvest)	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Bluefish, Striped Bass, Weakfish	14%	6%	16%	3%	15%	9%	10%
Croaker	<1%	<1%	<1%	3%		1%	4%
Eel	51%	22%	17%	3%	18%	15%	4%
Flounder, Summer	<1%	3%	<1%	<1%	<1%	1%	<1%
Menhaden	34%	57%	48%	34%	49%	36%	36%
Minnows		<1%	15%	46%			
Spot	<1%	<1%	3%	<1%		17%	39%
White Perch	<1%	7%	<1%	1%	<1%	<1%	<1%
Other Fish*	<1%	4%	<1%	10%	17%	21%	6%
Total Annual Finfish (lbs)	13,320	37,361	17,316	35,865	31,203	22,371	58,963
*Other Fish (e.g. butterfish, carp, catfishes, spiny dogfish, tautog, etc).							

~ HB 916 ~ Mechanical Clam Dredging



- Amended in March for a Study
 - Amendments Included:
 - Using biological reference points to determine if the commercial fishery can open and to set appropriate harvest limits.
 - Evaluate the appropriateness of various gear types.
 - Considering daily electronic reporting / hailing
 - Bill FAILED the Senate yesterday

Forage / SB / Reefs



MAFMC Amendment



Mike Malpezzi

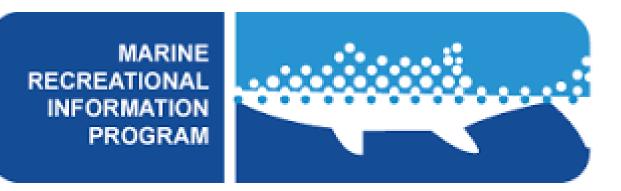




At this time we do not intend to allow for commercial fishing on Saturday



APAIS / MRIP







Cobia / SB / Blueline



MAFMC Amendment







Delaware Option? 2 fish @ 28"-38" or >= 44"

Federal Closure (6/20/16)





Concerns have been raised by the NPS





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