



*Larry Hogan, Governor*  
*Boyd Rutherford, Lt. Governor*  
*Mark Belton, Secretary*  
*Joanne Throwe, Deputy Secretary*

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**Motions and Actions Summary**  
**Meeting of the MD DNR Artificial Reef Committee**

Thursday March 31, 2016, 2:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.

Tawes State Office Building, C-1A Conference Room, Annapolis, MD 21401

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**ARC Members in Attendance:** Chairman Monty Hawkins, Vice-Chairman Dave Dansberger, Rick Younger, Gary Setzer, Andrew May, Ed Liccione, Richard Berich, Capt. Karl Willey, Troy Nowak (MHT), Bill Huppert

**ARC Members not in Attendance:** Capt. Richard Webster, David Sutherland, Capt. Greg Madjeski, Capt. Curtis Johns, Capt. Mark Galasso, Darryl Del Pino, Capt. Tom Ireland, Kate Meade

**DNR-Fisheries Staff in Attendance:** Mike Malpezzi, Erik Zlokovitz, Linda Barker, George O'Donnell,

**Invited Guest Speakers:** None

**Members of the public attending:** Rick Elyar, Rich Dennison

**Motions:** None

**Actions:**

- Treasurer Ed Liccione reported on the MARI budget. Balance of the MARI 501(C)(3) at the beginning of 2015 was \$203,493. Total expenditures in 2015 amounted to \$137,632, leaving a current balance of \$65,860.84.
- DNR Coordinator Mike Malpezzi reported on the status of Bond Bill SB0895 reimbursements. Contracts between MARI/DNR and the vendors need to be tracked down and submitted to DGS for approval. A total of \$177,469.01 in prior expenditures will be eligible for reimbursement.
- DNR Coordinator updated ARC on the status of Bay reef permit renewals. State licenses from the Board of Public Works and MDE have been issued. The application for the Federal permit from the Corps of Engineers is currently being reviewed by NOAA's Greater Atlantic Regional Fisheries Office (GARFO) in Gloucester, MA.
- ARC discussed potential deployments for 2016. Top priorities include concrete rubble held by Greg's Marine and McLean Contracting to be deployed at Cedar Point and Love Point, respectively. Both of these projects are ready to move forward as soon as the Federal permit is issued. Also discussed was a potential project with Exelon using material from Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant. It was decided that it would be very difficult to secure a new permitted site for this project and that a location within the nearby Plum Point reef may be the best candidate for their material.
- Rick Elyar introduced the Living Reef Action Campaign and their recent accomplishments and plans for the future. He proposed placing LRAC reef balls on Tilghman Island reef this summer, and asked if

MARI could contribute funds to the organization. The ARC would like to support the LRAC and asked Rick to put together a formal request.

- Rich Dennison of CCA MD Baltimore chapter discussed his group's plans for a reef ball site at Waterfront Park in Canton.
- Mike Malpezzi presented a summary of the 2015 MARI logbook survey results, and requested \$500 from MARI to cover the costs of the survey in 2016. The ARC approved up to \$1000 in funds for the 2016 survey.

**Other Discussion items:**

- Election of Chair and Vice-Chair will be conducted via email after meeting
- Next meeting will be held in mid- to late October, 2016. Exact date TBD.

**Public Comment: None**