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Meeting of the Tidal Fisheries Advisory Commission
January 26, 2017
Tawes State Office Building
C-1 Conference Room
Annapolis, MD 21401
3-6 PM

Preliminary Agenda*

3:00 - 3:15 Welcome, Announcements/Updates, Public Comment** – Dave Blazer, MD DNR and Billy Rice, TFAC Chairman

Desired Outcome: Inform

3:15 – 3:20 Oyster Advisory Update – Dave Blazer

Desired Outcome: Report out to commission

3:20 - 3:30 NRP Activity Report, Corporal Catherine Medellin, MD DNR NRP

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

3:30 – 4:00 Policy Program - Sarah Widman, MD DNR

- Regulatory Update
- Scoping Update
- 2016 FMP Highlights
- 2016 FMP Reports

Desired Outcome: Update commission

4:00 – 4:20 Update on Mallows Bay, Potomac River NMS – Kelly Collins Choi, MD DNR

Desired Outcome: Report out to commission, request continued support

4:20 – 4:35 Commercial Harvest Reporting Rates – Carrie Kennedy, MD DNR

Desired Outcome: Report out to commission

4:35 – 4:55 Striped Bass Permit Renewal Case: Quillen – Michale Luisi, MD DNR

Desired Outcome: Commission recommendation, fulfill action item

4:55 - 5:50 Monitoring and Assessment Division - Michael Luisi, MD DNR

- ASMFC / MAFMC updates and announcements
- Yellow Perch Subcommittee
- Striped Bass Tournament Policy
- Menhaden Update

Desired Outcome: Inform and Discussion

5:50 - 5:55 **Public Comment

Desired Outcome: Inform Commission

5:55 - 6:00 Closing Remarks – Chairman Billy Rice and David Blazer

6:00 Adjourn

Action Items and Motions from October 20, 2016
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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.
- ✓ Formation of subcommittee to review/discuss/report out to commission on departments recommendation to alter the yellow perch FMP in order to manage commercial overages in a more reasonable way when they occur. SFAC members on subcommittee include Jim Gracie and David Sikorski, TFAC members are Steve Lay and Billy Rice. *Completed. Decided on a 50% payback of the overage for 2017. Quota reduced by 7,196 lbs in upper Bay. Group desired to reconvene at a later date to set a path forward for future years.*

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.

Upcoming Meetings / Dates

ASMFC: Jan 31 – Feb 3; May 8-11

Aquaculture Coordinating Council: March 9, May 11

Oyster Advisory Commission: Mar 13, Apr 10, May 15

The State of the Tidal Potomac River Largemouth Bass Fishery: Feb 8 (Hosted by PRFC)

Potomac River Fisheries Commission’s Fin Fish Advisory Committee: Jan 25

Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council: Feb 14-15; Apr 11-13

*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.