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Dear Mr Orlando,

The Tidal Fisheries Advisory Commission (TFAC) is writing to comment on the proposed boundary, management plan, and rules for the Mallows Bay National Marine Sanctuary.

In order to safeguard against unintended consequences that this designation may impact toward fishing, speed zones, no wake zones, no trespassing areas, installation of piers/docks in fishing areas, and any other fishing activities, TFAC is requesting the following:

- That the recreational and commercial fishery commissions have a position on any sanctuary advisory panel.
- No amendment will affect the approved management plan and rules until TFAC, SFAC and Potomac River Fisheries Commissions are informed.

Regarding the boundary proposals presented during commission meetings; this commission does not support any option presented. TFAC would support a proposed boundary that encompasses Mallows Bay proper only, not a boundary that extends across the entire mainstem of the Potomac River.

TFAC supports the preservation of artifacts in Mallows Bay but at no time shall any entity, including the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, have the ability to supersede the regulatory authority of the State of Maryland, the Commonwealth of Virginia or the Potomac River Fisheries Commission in managing the natural resources of the waterway.

If you have any questions please contact Paul Genovese, commission administrator, at paul.genovese@maryland.gov or 410-260-8328.

Sincerely,

William Rice
Chair
Tidal Fisheries Advisory Commission