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Meeting of the Sport Fisheries Advisory Commission
January 24, 2017
Tawes State Office Building
C-1 Conference Room
Annapolis, MD 21401
2-5 PM

Preliminary Agenda*

2:00 - 2:10 Welcome, Announcements/Updates, Public Comment** – Dave Blazer, MD DNR and David Sikorski, SFAC Chairman

Desired Outcome: Inform

2:10 - 2:20 Vote in new Vice-Chair and TFAC liaison – Dave Blazer

Desired Outcome: Final vote from SFAC on both

2:20 - 2:30 NRP Activity Report, Captain Albert, MD DNR NRP

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

2:30 – 3:00 Policy Program - Sarah Widman, MD DNR

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

3:00 - 3:15 Freshwater Fisheries

- Report out on Black Bass Advisory Subcommittee – Roger Tragaser, Commission Member
- Freshwater Fisheries Report – Tony Prochaska, MD DNR

Desired Outcome: Report out

3:15 – 3:35 Update on Mallows Bay, Potomac River NMS – Kelly Collins Choi, MD DNR

Desired Outcome: Report out to commission, request continued support

3:35 – 3:40 Commercial Harvest Reporting Rates – Carrie Kennedy, MD DNR



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Desired Outcome: Report out to commission

- 3:40 - 4:50 Monitoring and Assessments - Michael Luisi, MD DNR
- ASMFC / MAFMC updates and announcements
 - Yellow Perch Subcommittee
 - Striped Bass Tournament Policy
 - Menhaden Update

Desired Outcome: Inform and discussion

- 4:50 - 5:00 Closing Remarks, Public Comment** – Chairman David Sikorski and David Blazer
- 5:00 Adjourn

Action Items from October 18, 2016
Meeting of the Sport Fisheries Advisory Commission

Action Items:

- ✓ SFAC 2017 meeting dates/times approved.
- ✓ Commissioners are to review and submit comment on the Fisheries FY2016 Budget Report, comments are due November 18.
- ✓ Commission requested to review 2017 MDOT Work Plan, staff will distribute once report is ready.
- ✓ Staff will report out to commission on all finfish trotline reporting, purpose to see effectiveness, by-catch.
- ✓ Staff will review and report out on striped bass tournament policy (catch & release only prior to May 1). Commission will recommend continued support or change in policy after discussion.
- ✓ 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.
- ✓ SFAC/TFAC Spot/Croaker/White Perch Workgroup meeting pushed back until ASMFC assessment is complete.



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- ✓ Staff will review the Black Bass Subcommittee's recommendations and prepare information for Q&A session in an effort to support the subcommittee chair when reporting recommendations to the commission. Commission will advise department on whether or not to move forward with recommendations.

Motions:

- ✓ SFAC voted unanimously to form an Outreach Subcommittee, the subcommittee will review the departments current outreach tools and discuss/recommend new ideas. Motion submitted by Jim Gracie, seconded by Dave Smith. SFAC members on subcommittee include Jim Gracie, Micah Dammeyer, John Kneely, Rob Hardy, Dave Sikorski and Phil Langley.

- ✓ = Completed
- = Not completed

Upcoming Meeting / Dates

ASMFC: Jan 31 – Feb 3; May 8-11

Aquaculture Coordinating Council: March 9, May 11

Staff manning booth at Great American Outdoor Show (Harrisburg, PA): Feb 6 & 10

Staff manning booth at Pasadena Sportfishing Group Flea Market: Feb 18-19

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 SFAC 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.