



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

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Paul Orlando  
Chesapeake Bay Regional Coordinator  
ONMS Northeast and Great Lakes Region  
c/o NOAA Chesapeake Bay Office  
410 Severn Ave, Suite 207-A  
Annapolis, MD 21403

Dear Mr Orlando:

The Sport Fisheries Advisory Commission (SFAC) is writing to comment on the proposed boundary, management plan and rules for the Mallows Bay National Marine Sanctuary and offer its support if it's requirements are met.

In order to safe guard against unintended consequences of the designation that may impact fishing activities, such as speed zones, no wake zones, no trespassing areas, installation of piers or docks in fishing areas, the commissions are requesting the following:

- The recreational and commercial fishing community has a voice on the sanctuary advisory panel.
- No amendment, over an agreed upon number of years, will affect the approved management plan and rules until the Tidal Fisheries Advisory Commission, SFAC, and the Potomac River Fisheries Commission are informed.

The SFAC supports "Alternative C" as the preferred boundary option.

The SFAC 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.

Thank you for your consideration. If you have any questions please contact Paul Genovese, commission administrator, at [paul.genovese@maryland.gov](mailto:paul.genovese@maryland.gov) or 410-260-8328.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Sikorski". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

David Sikorski  
Chair  
Sport Fisheries Advisory Commission