

Meeting of the Black Bass Advisory Subcommittee
March 30, 2017
Tawes State Office Building
C-1 Conference Room
Annapolis, MD 21401

Summary of Motions & Actions

Subcommittee members in Attendance: Dennis Fleming (Chair), Keith Barker, Thomas Bateman, Steve Chaconas, Nicholas Kuttner, Scott Sewell, Roger Trageser, Steve Weimar, and John Wheeler.

DNR Staff Attending: Fisheries Director Dave Blazer, Joe Love, Tom Parham, Bob Sadzinski, Sara Dawes

Members of the Public Attending: Stan Horne, George Martin

Action Items:

- The Subcommittee requested that once the department received applications for a thirteenth member, they vet the applications through the subcommittee prior to bringing the applications to Sport Fisheries Advisory Commission. The subcommittee will make a recommendation for a thirteenth member, which could be completed electronically by April in advance of the next commission meeting.
- The Subcommittee requested that the department perform studies that elucidate the level to which commercial haul seining affects springtime nesting habits of black bass and seasonal development of submerged aquatic vegetation beds. The department will consult the Virginia' Marine Resources Commission, Virginia's Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, and/or Potomac River Fisheries Commission for data or reports on the effects of commercial haul seining on submerged grasses during spring.
- A habitat workgroup of the Subcommittee was formed by Roger Trageser and Steve Chaconas. This workgroup will work with department staff to examine legislative or regulatory actions that may be of interest for black bass fisheries management. The workgroup will report to the Subcommittee and the Subcommittee may act as a unit for providing input regarding such actions.

Motions:

- Dennis Fleming called for a motion to adopt the policy for writing minority reports. The motion was made by Roger Trageser and Seconded by Keith Barker. With one opposed, the motion passed.

Tentative Agenda Items for Next Meeting:

- Natural Resources Police enforcement
- Education ideas and outreach

Meeting Date: Early October 2017, To be held in the Conference Room C-1 of the Tawes Building from 6:00 - 8:30 PM