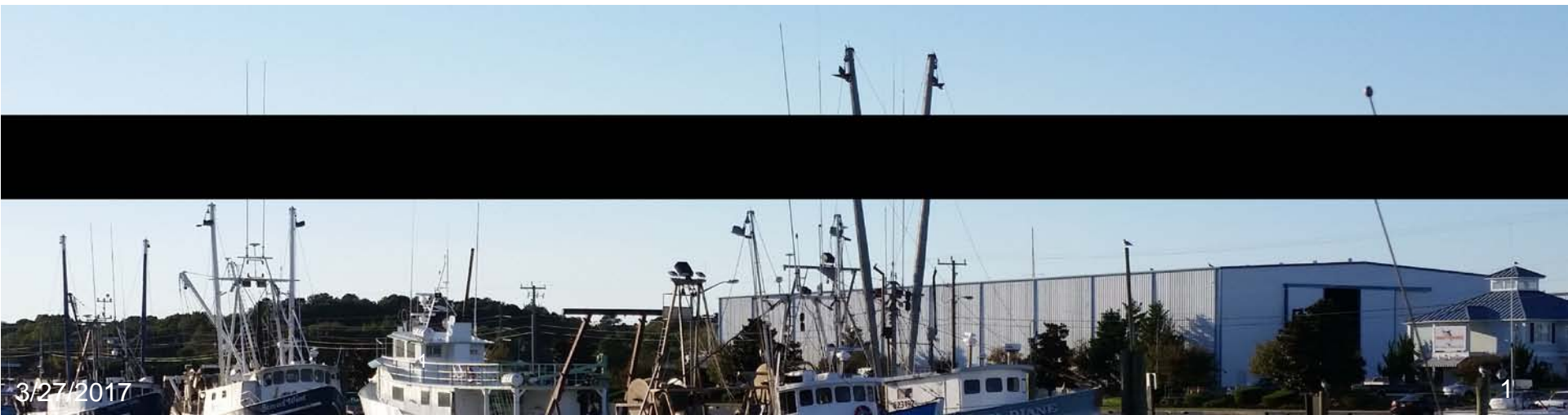


Fishing & Boating Services



Coastal Commercial Fisheries Forum

March 27, 2017



Meeting Agenda



- Welcome & Introductions
- Species Updates
 - The Department will take this opportunity to highlight recent and/or future management actions being considered by DNR, the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission and Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council.
- Topics from You
 - This is an opportunity for forum attendees to ask questions, bring up concerns, highlight topics you want to bring to the departments attention for future follow up at a forum, or ask for clarification on current issues.
- FYI
- Adjourn



Species Updates



- Blue Crab - hours change effective March 27, 2017
- Menhaden – Amendment 3 Update
- Whelk Girth
 - Late March/Early April - Maryland Register and comment period starts
 - Girth regulation could be effective in June
- Spiny Dogfish – Permit Distribution Update
- Jonah Crab Addendum II / Lobster Addendum XXV (SNE)
- Black Sea Bass Commercial Quota
- Tilefish

Topics From You



- New People in Ocean Fisheries
- Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ)

Topics From You

New People in Ocean Fisheries



- Limited entry for black sea bass, summer flounder, horseshoe crab, and spiny dogfish
- Big “R”, Retirement is often mentioned at meetings
- Plan for the future

Topics From You

New People in Ocean Fisheries



				Eligibility Criteria		Non Permit holder
	# Permits	Permit Transfer	Quota Transfer	Declaration	Harvest	Bycatch Allowance
Black Sea Bass	14	Permanent	Yes	Required, does not result in revocation after multiple years	None	50 lbs/day
Horseshoe Crab	10	Permanent or temporary		Required, does not result in revocation after multiple years	None	25 horseshoe crabs
Summer Flounder	7	Permanent	Yes	Required, does not result in revocation after multiple years	None	100 lbs/day Coastal; 50 lbs/day Chesapeake
Spiny Dogfish	28	Permanent 4 yrs & 20,000 lb harvest	No	Required at least once every 2 years, changing to annual	15,000 lbs/3 yrs, changing to 1x qual	Bycatch allowance

Topics From You

New People in Ocean Fisheries



Option ideas:

- Issues permits without quota – up to them to acquire quota
- Declaration – Could change to an annual declaration or lose it requirement – reality is that no one has failed to declare for BSB, HSC, or SF in past 10 years
- Harvest requirement – complicated since BSB can transfer quota
- Increase the number of permits for HSC, BSB, SF – would reduce quota for exiting permittees – regulatory change, need criteria
- Increase the bycatch allowances
- Other?

Topics From You

Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ)



- Maryland's 3 mile seaward boundary was established by Congress in 1953, and therefore, can only be changed by Congress or a Supreme Court decree.

Relevant Federal Action

- In 1953, Congress adopted the Submerged Lands Act (SLA). Under the SLA, the seaward boundary of each of the coastal states is generally three nautical (or geographic) miles from the coast line, and a coastal state's seaward boundary can be fixed by Supreme Court decree.
- President Ronald Regan signed Proclamation 5030 on March 10, 1983. This Proclamation created an Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) from the state boundary described in the SLA out to 200 nautical miles.

<http://www.archives.gov/federal-register/codification/proclamations/05030.html>

Topics From You

Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ)



State Legislation / Louisiana's Seaward Boundary

- The Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission - passed a bill during the 2011 legislative session that extends their state jurisdiction to 3 leagues (approximately 10 miles).
- The law further stipulates that **until acknowledged by an Act of Congress or a final non-appealable judgment in a court of law, the boundary extension will not take effect.**
- The United States Coast Guard and other state agencies responsible for enforcing federal regulations will continue to acknowledge the 3-mile state waters boundary of Louisiana. For more information please visit page 3, <http://masgfp.olemiss.edu/Water%20Log%20PDF/watlg32.3.pdf>.

Prohibition of Striped Bass Fishing in the EEZ

- In 1990, federal legislation was passed prohibiting fishing for SB in the EEZ. In 2003...Commission requested a reopening to NOAA.
- Strengthened by executive order in 2007 (Bush)

FYI – State / Federal



- Mid-Atlantic Council - April 11-13
 - Squid Capacity Amendment
- Next ASMFC Meeting is in May 9-11
 - Deadline to submit public comment on Scup is March 31, 2017 at 5 pm.
http://www.asmfc.org/uploads/file//58b744cfScupDraftAddendumXXIX_PublicComment_March2017.pdf
- NMFS is expected to publish HMS FMP Amendment 5b on March 31st.
 - Note: ASMFC will discuss complimentary measures at the May meeting which may or may not lead to an addendum.
- Next HMS AP Meeting will be in May

FYI - Stay Informed



Email, Twitter, Facebook, YouTube and more!

- **MD DNR Fishing and Boating Services**

<http://dnr.maryland.gov/fisheries/Pages/default.aspx>

- Coastal Commercial Fisheries Emails – angel.willey@maryland.gov
- Fishing and Boating Services Emails - <http://dnr.maryland.gov/Fisheries/Pages/email-contact.aspx>

- **Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC)**

<http://www.asmfc.org>

- **Mid-Atlantic Fisheries Management Council (MAFMC)**

- Emails - <http://www.mafmc.org/email-list>

- **NOAA**

- FishNews Emails - <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/sfa/hms/>
- Atlantic HMS News Emails - <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/sfa/hms/>
- Greater Atlantic Regional Fisheries Office (GARFO) – Emails & Text Messages
<https://www.greateratlantic.fisheries.noaa.gov/>
- Southeast Regional Office (SERO)
 - Fishery Bulletin- <http://sero.nmfs.noaa.gov/>

- **South Atlantic Fisheries Management Council (SAFMC)**

- Emails- <http://www.safmc.net/>

Adjourn



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