



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

Meeting of the Sport Fisheries Advisory Commission
April 25, 2017
C-1 Conference Room
DNR Tawes Office Building
580 Taylor Ave
Annapolis, MD 21403

Summary of Motions & Actions

Commissioners in Attendance: Ed O'Brien, Jim Gracie, Mark DeHoff, Vice-Chair Phil Langley, Roger Trageser, Rachel Dean, Micah Dammeyer, John Neely, Dr Ray Morgan, James Wommack and David M Sutherland.

Commissioners Absent and Not Represented: Val Lynch and Beverly Fleming.

DNR Staff Attending: Fisheries Director Dave Blazer, Lt. Timothy Grove, Paul Genovese, Mike Luisi, Tony Prochaska, Sarah Widman, George O'Donnell, Joseph Schanno, John Mullican, Angela Bender, Linda Barker, Nestina Jackson, Jacob Holtz, Lynn Fegly, Sarah Dawes and Bill Anderson.

Members of the Public Attending: Ken Lewis, Larry Jennings

Action Items:

- Director Blazer announced the resignation of commissioners David Sikorski, Rob Hardy and Tim Smith.
- Director Blazer introduced new commissioner David M Sutherland, he fills the seat left vacant by Bill Goldsborough's resignation, the seat expires June 30, 2017. Mr Sutherland also agreed to represent SFAC at TFAC meetings, no objections.
- Dr Linda Barker gave a presentation on MRIP (Marine Recreation Information Program) and upcoming changes. Linda agreed to give an annual update at future SFAC meetings.
- Department announced the formation of a cownose ray workgroup to begin the process of creating a fisheries management plan for cownose rays. An email will be sent to commissioners requesting volunteers and recommendations to sit on the workgroup.
- The commission requested the department report out on recreational license sales. Specifically, the number of licenses sold online (through COMPASS), the number of licenses sold through service centers and the number sold through sport license agents.
- The commission requested the department report out on past striped bass hatchery efforts. Specific information requested includes year, numbers released, assessment of effect on overall YOY class-size and funding. Also requested - any report available, that estimates number of hatchery-striped bass which lived to migration size.

Motions:

- *Yellow perch amendment to the yellow perch fishery management plan – Remove the words ‘or a portion’ from sentence on page 10. The full sentence: If commercial harvest exceeds the TAC, all **or a portion** of the overage is subtracted from the TAC of the next fishing year (Table 2).* Motion submitted by Jim Gracie, seconded by John Neely. Vote in favor: 9, against: 1, abstained: 1
- *Accept Yellow Perch FMP as amended (above).* Motion submitted by Jim Gracie, seconded by John Neely. Vote in favor: 9, against: 1, abstained: 1
- *Advisory commission recommends the prohibition of catch and release fishing tournaments prior to opening day (3rd Saturday of April).* Motion submitted by Jim Gracie, seconded by David Sutherland. Vote in favor: 11, against: 0, abstained: 0

Next Meeting Date:

May 23, 2017

To be held in the Conference Room C-1 of the Tawes Building from 4:00-6:00 PM.