



Martin O'Malley, Governor
Anthony G. Brown, Lt. Governor
John R. Griffin, Secretary
Joseph P. Gill, Deputy Secretary

Meeting of the MD DNR Artificial Reef Committee (ARC)
Thursday, October 18, 2012
4:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.
Tawes State Office Building
C-1 Conference Room (Moved to C-4A)
Annapolis, MD 21401

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Summary of Motions & Actions

ARC (Advisory Committee) Members in Attendance: Chairman Monty Hawkins, Vice-Chairman David Dansberger, Treasurer Ed Liccione, Capt. Tom Ireland, Doldon Moore (BPW), Gary Setzer (MDE), Tom Humbles (MES), Capt. Karl Willey, Bill Huppert, David Sutherland (USFWS)

ARC Members not in Attendance: Stephanie Westby, Richard "Dickie" Webster, Gail Blazer (Town of Ocean City), Greg Madjeski (currently in Navy Service), Curtis Johns, Jamey Danford, Clint Waters, Mark Galasso, Norman McCullough, Bruno Vasta, Captain Brian, Darryl Del Pino, Richard Berich

DNR/MGS Staff in Attendance: Tom O'Connell, Director, MDDNR Fisheries Service; Marty Gary, ARC Liaison/Consensus Building Program Manager, MDDNR Fisheries Service; Erik Zlokovitz, ARC Liason/Artificial Reef Coordinator, MDDNR Fisheries Service; Capt. Rick Younger, ARC Liason, MGS

Members of the Public in Attendance: None

Action Items:

- Erik Zlokovitz (MD DNR Fisheries Service, Artificial Reef Coordinator) and Marty Gary (MD DNR Fisheries Service) will set up an artificial reef monitoring meeting with Lynn Fegley (MD DNR Fisheries Service, Deputy Director, and other DNR Fisheries staff.
- David Sutherland (USFWS) will continue to lead coordination efforts to have Hail Cove reef construction started in April 2013, working with a marine contractor and DNR construction unit. The total amount of material may have to be reduced to stay in budget.
- CBF will take the lead on outreach with crabbing industry for identifying Bay bottom in Harris Creek for a reef ball project in 2013. This effort will focus on the area around 2 sites at the mouth of the creek, known as "sites #19 and #20" on Army Corps maps. This is subject to review by DNR Fisheries Service, including shellfish division, Army Corps, and USCG. After initial outreach with local crabbing industry representatives, this project must go through TFAC and SFAC.
- ARC approved MARI funding for up to 4 dive trips to generate photographs of oyster growth on artificial reef substrate (finfish may also be photographed). Priority sites are higher salinity WW Reef sites and Cook's Pt reef balls. An upper Bay site (Memorial Stadium) may be considered on an opportunistic basis if the visibility is suitable for diving and photography.
- There was not enough time at the meeting to discuss fundraising efforts for 2013. Fundraising may be discussed in

a smaller sub-committee or via conference call before the next scheduled ARC meeting in March, 2013.

- The DNR Artificial Reef Coordinator will work with MGS and DNR shellfish division staff to identify a new target area for additional reef balls at Memorial Stadium Reef. Deployments are usually in mid-May, and coordinated between DNR, MSSA, and CBF. The new target area may be an additional 1 acre box, east of the existing 1-acre target box.

Motions

- Motion by ARC member Bill Huppert to approve \$3,900 in MARI funds for additional load of “Coral Castle” concrete blocks on permitted Ocean City reef sites, under supervision of Capt. Monty Hawkins (president, OCRF). Seconded by ARC member David Sutherland. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

Next meeting: Thursday, March 21, 2013 (2-5 PM @ Tawes Building in Annapolis, MD)