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Meeting of the MD DNR Artificial Reef Committee
Wednesday, October 30, 2013 , 2:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.
Tawes State Office Building, C-1 Conference Room, Annapolis, MD 21401
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Preliminary Agenda*

2:00 PM: Welcome and general Announcements – Erik Zlokovitz, MD DNR Fisheries Service
Desired Outcome – Update

2:05 PM: MARI Treasurer's Report – Ed Liccione, Erik Zlokovitz
Desired Outcome – Update on status of funds

- Update on existing funds in MARI 501(c)(3) account.
- Update on status of 2013 MARI Bond Bill. Schedule formal meeting date with BPW(11/20, 12/6 and 12/18) to finalize new bond bill funding
- Discuss allocation of new bond bill funds (% for Bay construction, ocean construction, and monitoring)

2:20 PM: Update on funding history for MARI monitoring projects– Erik Zlokovitz, MD DNR Fisheries Service
Desired Outcome – Follow up on July 18 ARC conference call action item regarding 2007 proposal to allocate \$500,000 in Special Funds to replenish monitoring funds (wetlands mitigation funds) used to cover Woodrow Wilson reefing project debt.

2:30 PM: 2013 reef construction project updates – Erik Zlokovitz, MD DNR Fisheries Service, Karl Willey,, Bill Huppert, Rick Younger,and Monty Hawkins.
Desired Outcome – Update committee on 2013 reef construction projects.

MARI funded:

- Hail Cove, David Sutherland, USFWS (\$40K existing MARI funds + 40K USFWS)
- NW Middle Grounds (survey and permit issues)

Non-MARI funded:

- Choptank River Bridge Piers, Karl Willey, CBF (Bill Burton Pier Reef-South/Dorchester), deployed by CBF
- Memorial Stadium Reef Ball Site (annual May deployment), deployed by CBF, reef balls built by MSSA volunteers
- Reef ball deployment at Cedar Pt. with Howard County girl scout troop, Capt. Rick Younger

OCRF funded (including projects with supplemental MARI funds):

- Ocean Reefs, coral castle blocks, Capt. Monty Hawkins(deployed with OCRF funds + supplemental MARI funds. Ocean Reefs, larger material deployed from OCRF barge, non-MARI funded

3:00 PM: Artificial Reef Volunteer Angler Logbook Survey and Monitoring update – Dr.Linda Barker and Erik Zlokovitz,

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Desired outcome – Update staff on 2013 monitoring activities and plans for 2014

- Dr. Barker’s Presentation on Angler logbook survey pilot study (Sept-Oct 2013)
- Bill Burton Pier fishing survey with CBF/MSSA
- Volunteer website survey launched
- Proposed 2014 monitoring

3:20 PM: Looking ahead, planning for 2014 reef projects – Erik Zlokovitz, MD DNR Fisheries Service, Karl Willey, David Sutherland, Bill Huppert, Monty Hawkins

Desired Outcome – Discuss plans and funding for 2014 reef construction projects.

MARI funded:

- Hail Cove completion, David Sutherland, USFWS
- NW middle grounds.
- Existing reef sites: Options for location and material
- Bottom survey needs and funding

Non-MARI funded:

- Choptank River Bridge Piers, Karl Willey, CBF (Bill Burton Pier Reef-North/Talbot), deployed by CBF
- Memorial Stadium Reef Ball Site, Bill Huppert (Annual May deployment), reef balls built by MSSA volunteers and deployed by CBF

OCRF funded with proposed supplemental MARI funds:

- Larger material deployed from OCRF barge (OCRF with supplemental MARI funds)
- Coral Castle Blocks (OCRF with supplemental MARI funds)

Larger material deployed from OCRF barge (OCRF with supplemental MARI funds)

4:00 PM: Outreach

Desired Outcome – Update on schedule for ARC updates and plans for 2014 outreach to support MARI reef building and monitoring

4:20 PM: 2014 Election of Chair and Vice-Chair for 2014-16 – Erik Zlokovitz.

Desired Outcome –Election of Chair and Vice-Chair for the next two years. (Term limits consistent with other advisory groups)

4:30 PM: 2014 ARC Meeting Schedule – Erik Zlokovitz.

Desired Outcome –Establish meeting dates and times for 2014 as follows:

March 26th 2:00 – 5:00 PM

October 29th 2:00 – 5:00 PM

All meetings to be held in Tawes State Office Building in Annapolis, MD

4:45 PM: **Public Comment

5:00 PM: Adjourn

*The preliminary agenda is subject to change

**Public Comment as time allows