



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

Meeting of the Tidal Fisheries Advisory Commission
February 7, 2013
Tawes State Office Building
C-1 Conference Room
Annapolis, MD 21401
2-5 PM

Preliminary Agenda*

2:00-2:10 Welcome and Announcements - Marty Gary, MD DNR Fisheries Service
Desired Outcome: Update the commission on any breaking or updated information

2:10-2:20 NRP Activity Report - Lt. Nick Powell, MD DNR NRP (Handout)
Desired Outcome: Update the Commission on the latest NRP activity report

2:20-2:40 Legislative Update – Gina Hunt, Deputy Director, MD DNR Fisheries Service (Handout)
Desired Outcome: Update the Commission on fisheries related legislation for the 2013 session of the General Assembly

2:40-3:00 Regulatory Update – Sarah Widman, MD DNR Fisheries Service (Handout)
Desired Outcome: Update the commission on current and future regulatory proposals.

3:00-3:15 Seafood Marketing Update – Steve Vilnit, MD DNR Fisheries Service
Desired Outcome: Update the commission on seafood marketing efforts

Estuarine & Marine Update – Mike Luisi, MD DNR Fisheries Service

3:15-3:30 LCC Male Only Licenses (Handout)
Desired Outcome: **Action Needed:** Feedback from TFAC on scoping preference for male only LCC male only regulatory change and endorsement of preferred option.

3:30-3:40 Sponge Crab Importation Issue – Brenda Davis, MD DNR Fisheries Service (Handout)
Desired Outcome: Further discussion by the Blue Crab Industry Work Group

3:40-3:50 Atlantic Menhaden in Need of Conservation (handout)
Desired Outcome: **Action Requested:** Commission response regarding the need for further scoping

3:50-4:00 Reporting Update – Mike Luisi, MD DNR Fisheries Service

Desired Outcome: Update the commission on future reporting for blue crabs

4:00-4:10 Commercial Yellow Perch Tagging Requirements

Desired Outcome: Update the Commission on the commercial yellow perch tagging requirements

4:10-4:25 Commercial Striped Bass Industry Work Group

Desired Outcome: Update the commission on the proceedings of the commercial striped bass industry work group

4:25-4:35 Oyster Tags – Lynn Fegley, Deputy Director, MD DNR Fisheries Service (handout)

Desired Outcome: Update the Commission on the status of oyster tagging requirements

4:35-4:50 Assorted Issues – Commissioner Brown, TFAC

Desired Outcome: Commissioner Brown would like to discuss the following items with the TFAC:

- Oyster Harvest Reserves
- Dredge line in the St. Mary's River (handout)
- Addition of leased bottom areas to the annual oyster harvester handbook
- Opening of the lower Patuxent River to drift gill netting

4:50-5:00 Public Comment**

5:00 PM Adjourn

Next Meeting - Thursday, May 16th, from 2-5 PM in the Tawes State Office Building, Annapolis, MD 21401

*The Preliminary agenda is subject to change

**Public comment as time allows

Handouts: Agenda, NRP Activity Update, Legislative Update, Regulatory Update, Regulatory Scoping, LCC Male Only License Options, Sponge Crab Importation Issue document, Atlantic Menhaden in Need of Conservation, Oyster Tag document, St. Mary's River Dredge Line map