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Spring Meeting of the Tidal Fisheries Advisory Commission  
May 16, 2013  
Tawes State Office Building  
C-1 Conference Room  
Annapolis, MD 21401  
2-5 PM

Preliminary Agenda\*

2:00-2:05 Welcome and Announcements - Marty Gary, MD DNR Fisheries Service  
Desired Outcome: Update the commission on any breaking or updated information

2:05-2:10 NRP Activity Report – Marty Gary, MD DNR (Handout)  
Desired Outcome: Update the Commission on the latest NRP activity report

2:10-2:20 Seafood Marketing Update – Kelly Barnes, MD DNR Fisheries Service (Handout)  
Desired Outcome: Update the Commission on seafood marketing efforts

2:20-2:45 Regulatory Update & Scoping – Sarah Widman and Gina Hunt, MD DNR Fisheries Service (Handout)  
Desired Outcome: Update the Commission on current regulatory items. Obtain feedback on scoping strategy(ies) for upcoming regulatory items and licensing items (Male Limited Crab Catcher License issue (follow up from previous meeting) and license target issue from licenses that converted to component parts)

2:45-3:30 Estuarine & Marine Update – Mike Luisi, MD DNR Fisheries Service  
Desired Outcome: Update the Commission on the following items:

- Striped Bass ITQ / Common Pool fishery regulatory proposal and next steps
- Spiny Dogfish – industry proposed ITQ plan
- New pound net reporting requirements - update
- Atlantic Menhaden – update with ASMFC compliance
- Yellow Perch – report on 2013 fishery

### 3:30-4:00 Commission Requested Discussions

Desired Outcome: Discussion to provide more details on the following items, and potential recommendation to

DNR:

- Consideration of establishing a fishery for *Rangia* clams for bait (Commissioner Brown)
- Questions regarding Young-of-Year Striped Bass Survey Methods (Commissioner Brown)
- Current Rules for Commercial Catfish Trotlines (Chairman Rice)
- Concerns about predation on Blue Crabs by juvenile Red Drum, Striped Bass & via cannibalism (Commissioner Sieling)
- Questions regarding American Shad commercial by catch allowance in Maryland and neighboring jurisdictions (Commissioner Sieling)
- Chesapeake Bay Foundation / Maryland Artificial Reef Initiative proposed placement of reef balls at the Bill Burton Piers in Choptank River (Commissioner Goldsborough)

### 3:35-3:50 Fishery Management Plan (FMP) Reviews – Rick Morin, MD DNR Fisheries Service

Desired Outcome: Present and obtain Commission feedback on the FMP reviews for the Shad / River Herring FMP and Weakfish / Spotted Seatrout FMP. Provide update on next FMPs to be reviewed.

### 3:50-4:00 ASMFC Update – Tom O’Connell, Director, MD DNR Fisheries Service

Desired Outcome: Brief the Commissions and obtain input on the Upcoming Spring ASMFC Meeting agenda items

### 4:30-4:45 Blue Crabs – Lynn Fegley, Deputy Director, MD DNR Fisheries Service

Desired Outcome: Commission feedback on:

- Sponge Crab Importation season modification – follow up from last meeting
- Review of 2013 Female Bushel Limits

### 4:45-5:00 Public Comment\*\*

5:00 PM Adjourn

Next Meeting - Tuesday, July 25th, from 3-6 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, Seafood Marketing Update, Regulatory Update, Regulatory Scoping Document, Shad/River Herring Draft FMP, Spotted Sea Trout/Weakfish Draft FMP