



Martin O'Malley, Governor
Anthony G. Brown, Lt. Governor
Joseph P. Gill, Secretary
Frank W. Dawson III, Deputy Secretary

Meeting of the Tidal Fisheries Advisory Commission
July 25, 2013
Tawes State Office building
Annapolis, MD 21401

Summary of Motions & Actions

Commissioners in attendance: John Martin, Lee Wilson, Bill Goldsborough, Bill Sieling, Charles Richard Manley, Dale Dawson, Gail Sindorf, Gibby Dean, Ken Jeffries (proxy for Greg Jetton), Rachel Dean, Richard Young, Moochie Gilmer, Robert T. Brown.

Commissioner absent: Mike Benjamin

DNR staff attending: Tom O'Connell, Director, Fisheries Service, Gina Hunt, Deputy Director, Fisheries Service, Noreen Eberly, Rick Morin, Jacob Holtz, Lt. Art Windemuth, NRP, Steve Vilnit, Heather Brown, Mike Luisi, Brenda Davis.

Members of the public attending: Ward Slacum, Jenn Aiosa, John Van Alstine, Howard King and others who were present but did not sign in.

Motions:

- Motion by Moochie Gilmer to nominate Billy Rice as TFAC Chairperson. Seconded by Richard Young. Vote passed unanimously, with no abstentions.
- Motion by Robert T. Brown to nominate Moochie Gilmer as TFAC Vice Chairperson. Seconded by Gail Sindorf. Vote passed unanimously, with no abstentions.
- Motion by Richard Young for DNR to increase the target for all authorizations of a broken down Unlimited Tidal Fishing License (UTFL), not just those authorizations that the holder chooses. Motion seconded by Bill Sieling. Commission discussed and heard one public comment (question) from John Van Alstine. Vote 9 in favor, 2 opposed and 2 abstentions. Motion passed.

Action Items:

- Proxy information for each TFAC member is due to Noreen Eberly by August 15th. Proxies will be added to Fisheries Service (FS) e-mail list so they receive all TFAC communications.
- TFAC comments on Yellow Perch Fisheries Management Plan Review Recommendations are due by August 15th. Send comments to Rick Morin rmorin@dnr.state.md.us and copy Billy Rice ricefarms3@aol.com.

- FS will send electronic version of the NRP Quarterly Activity Report to TFAC and Sport Fisheries Advisory Commission (SFAC).
- NRP will include a summary of citations in coastal waters in their Activity Report at future Commission meetings.
- FS (J. Holtz) will provide clarification on whether a person with a Bait Harvest License needs to have a Commercial License.
- FS will send TFAC a summary of Bait Regulations and a list of allowed bait species.
- FS (M. Luisi) will send the Striped Bass Workgroup's final proposed regulations to TFAC when available.
- TFAC requests the October TFAC meeting Agenda include:
 - Recommendations from Penalty Workgroup
 - Discussion of potential legislation to allow the upgrading of component authorizations back to a UTFL.
 - Presentation by SAV specialists to address concerns regarding the lack of sea grasses and ways to replenish.

Summary of Discussion Items:

- Howard King, former Director of Fisheries Service was recognized by Tom O'Connell. He now serves on the Mid Atlantic Fisheries Management Council. Bill Goldsborough was elected as Chairman of SFAC at their July 23rd meeting.
- Gina Hunt discussed License Targets and provided a handout of Frequently Asked Questions about Commercial License Changes.
- Lt. Art Windemuth will now be representing NRP on TFAC. He discussed NRP's quarterly activities report and noted NRP is mandating that officers spend 20% of their enforcement activity on crabbing activities.
- Jacob Holtz discussed the need for one more TFAC Commission member to serve on the SFAC/TFAC Penalty workgroup. Currently, Richard Young, Robert T. Brown, and Chairman Billy Rice serve as representatives of TFAC. Bill Sieling volunteered to join the workgroup.
- A public Question & Answer Session on new Striped Bass regulations will be held at DNR on Tuesday, July 30 from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. The Striped Bass Workgroup will meet at the end of August and have a final Scoping meeting before proposing regulations. All issues regarding proposed Striped Bass regulations should be addressed to the Striped Bass Workgroup.