



Martin O'Malley, Governor
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Fall meeting of the Sport Fisheries Advisory Commission
October 1, 2013
Tawes State Office Building
C-1 Conference Room
Annapolis, MD 21401
2-5 PM

Preliminary Agenda*

2:00-2:05 Welcome and Announcements – Tom O'Connell, Director MD DNR Fisheries Service
Desired Outcome: Update the Commission with any new information.

2:05-2:20 NRP Activity report – Lt. Beth Mauk, MD DNR NRP (handout)
Desired Outcome: Update the Commission on the latest NRP activity, Fisheries Service's outreach to Latin community on fishing rules, and NRP's efforts to build the competencies of officers to better interact with the Latin community.

2:20-2:50 Invasive Species (handout) – Blue and Flathead Catfish

- Blue and Flathead Catfish – Bruce Vogt, NOAA Chesapeake Bay Office
 - Desired Outcome: Present the science, and actions agreed upon by the Chesapeake Bay Sustainable Fisheries Goal Implementation Team to mitigate impacts and reduce spread and population levels. (handout)

2:50-3:10 Maryland Fishing Challenge – Karen Knotts, MD DNR
Desired Outcome: Summarize results from 2012/13, and obtain feedback on changes under consideration for 2013/14, including a new invasive species award category. (handout)

3:10-3:40 Land Management & Fish Management – Jim Uphoff, MD DNR
Desired Outcome: Informational and discuss opportunities for fishery stakeholder involvement / advocacy. (handout)

3:40-4:25 Fisheries Management Planning

- Atlantic Menhaden 2013 Commercial Harvest Update (handout) – Lynn Fegley, MD DNR
 - Desired Outcome: Update.
- Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC) Annual 2013 Meeting Overview (handout) – Tom O'Connell, MD DNR
 - Desired Outcome: Update and obtain Commission input.
- ASMFC Striped Bass Benchmark Stock Assessment (handout) and Management – Lynn Fegley and Tom O'Connell, MD DNR
 - Desired Outcome: Update and obtain Commission input.

4:25-4:35 Regulatory Updates

- Potomac River Fisheries Commission Sport Fishing License Fees – Tom O'Connell, MD DNR
 - Desired Outcome: Update.

- Regulatory Scoping Items (handout) – Sarah Widman, MD DNR
 - Desired Outcome: Obtain Commission input on regulatory scoping ideas under consideration, and proposed scoping strategies.

4:35-4:45 Annual SFAC Budget Report – Karen Knotts, MD DNR (handout)

Desired Outcome: Present report and obtain Commission feedback.

4:45-4:50 Proposed 2014 SFAC Meeting Schedule – Tom O’Connell, MD DNR Fisheries Director

Desired Outcome: Establish meeting dates for 2014 as follows:

February 18, 2014 2-5 PM

April 29, 2014 2-5 PM

July 22, 2014 3-6 PM

October 14 2-5 PM

4:50-5:00 Public Comment**

5:00 PM Adjourn

*The Preliminary agenda is subject to change

**Public comment as time allows

Handouts: Agenda, NRP Activity Update, Invasive Species Background Material, Atlantic Menhaden Commercial Harvest Update, ASMFC Annual Meeting Schedule web link, ASMFC Striped Bass Stock Assessment Summary Report web link, Land Management & Fish Management, Regulatory Update, and Regulatory Scoping Documents, Annual SFAC Budget Report