

Meeting of the Tidal Fisheries Advisory Commission February 17, 2011 6:30-9 PM Tawes State Office Building Cafeteria Annapolis, MD 21401

Commissioners Present: Chairman Jack Brooks, Guy Simmons (proxy for Steve Gordon), George Luongo (proxy for John Van Alstine), Bob Evans (proxy for J.R. Gross), Russell Dukes, Billy Rice, Robert "Moochie" Gilmer, Russell Dize (proxy for Larry Simns), Richard Young, Bill Goldsborough, Brian Keehn, Mike Benjamin, Ben Parks (proxy for Greg Price), Chuck White (proxy for Andrea Jacquette), Gibby Dean.

Motions & Actions

Action Item – Provide TFAC with the current number of applicants going through the apprenticeship program

Action Item – Provide the TFAC with an update on the status of the expenditures of the Federal Blue Crab Disaster Grant

Motion – by George Luongo to make the entire hand tong area in South River and NOB 613 and NOB 614 as permanent PSFAs. (Qualified by Director O'Connell that the Department currently does not have the authority to implement the desired motion). 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob Evans. 10 in favor. None opposed. 4 abstentions. Motion passes.

Motion – by Gibby Dean to reopen the Chesapeake gill net fishery by the last week of this month with the remaining February quota. Any confiscated fish through February 21<sup>st</sup> would be deducted from February's quota. Any fish confiscated after February 21<sup>st</sup> would be deducted from December's quota. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Russell Dukes. 13 in favor. 2 opposed. No abstentions. Motion passes.