

DRAFT Scoping Recommendations for LFFAs (4/29/14)

A. 2015 PROSPECTIVE CHANGES TO EXISTING LFFAS:

1) Remove 3 existing areas which do not meet criteria:

- **Canton Recreational Pier (Baltimore City)** - in an area impacted by debris from Harris Creek; no signs of being used for fishing or crabbing; parking on the street.
- **Hull Street Recreational Pier (Baltimore City)** - pier has been taken over by the Inner Harbor Connector Ferry Service; posted “No Fishing”; very limited parking.
- **Snow Hill, County Bridge on Porter’s Crossing Road** - west of U.S. Route 113 & east of Route 354 and Pocomoke River (Worcester Co.) - limited parking at this site alongside of the road and fishing off of the bridge is dangerous. The LFFA at Sturgis Park is nearby and meets criteria.

2) Remove 1 existing area which marginally meets criteria:

- **Cedar Hall Landing - Pocomoke River (Worcester Co.)** - the existing site at Pocomoke City Docks is nearby and meets criteria.

3) Add the following new areas:

- **Gambrill Pond at Gambrill State Park** - a small one acre pond that appears to be spring fed and is rather shallow. Has a population of Bluegill Sunfish and Largemouth Bass. It is located near the campground and has fairly stable grassy banks.
- **North Point State Park** - located at the mouth of the Patapsco River. Has a small fishing pier that offers fishing for Channel Catfish and White Perch. There is ample parking, handicap access and a picnic area. The long breakwater south of the pier is reported to be a poor place to fish by locals due to shallow water and rock snags. There is a charge for admission to the park.
- **Canton Waterfront Park (Baltimore City)** - recommended by Baltimore City Department of Parks and Recreation. The park area has a boat ramp with a floating dock, a large parking lot, park benches, bathrooms and approximately 200’ of bulk headed waterfront. The remainder of the waterfront is rip rap and the harbor water taxi service utilizes a dock area at the northwest end of the park. There is a Baltimore City Police substation and public works office at the site. Interviews with locals revealed that this area is popular with the Hispanic community for recreational crabbing and fishing for White Perch during the summer months.
- **Federalburg Municipal Waterfront on Marshyhope Creek** - a city owned park that has bulk headed waterfront, a small fishing pier and bank fishing available. There is a large amount of parking, a playground, picnic areas and offers a safe family environment.
- **Jane’s Island State Park developed waterfront area on Daugherty Creek** - has bulk headed waterfront near camping areas, nature center and camp goods store. The remainder of the nearby waterfront is rip rap and unsafe for fishing. White Perch and

Spot are the most common fish caught at the site during the summer months. This site offers a very good opportunity for a pilot tackle loaner program trial.

B. RECOMMENDED FUTURE ACTIONS:

- **Mill Street Bulkhead, Salisbury – Wicomico River (Wicomico Co.)** - does not meet LFFA criteria - no parking and poor water quality.
 - Identify new site in Salisbury. Designate it a LFFA and remove the existing site.
 - Study for removal sites which are nearby and marginally meeting criteria. These include Manokin River Park (Princess Anne) and Tyaskin Park, Tyaskin - Wetipquin Creek/Nanticoke River (Wicomico Co.).

- **Bridge #K-004, Still Pond - Still Pond Creek (Kent Co.)** – does not meet LFFA criteria - limited parking alongside the road near the bridge and fishing from the bridge is dangerous and **Route 213 Bridge, Chestertown – Chester River (Kent/QA Co.)** – does not meet LFFA criteria - no parking at either end of the bridge and this is a high traffic bridge
 - Identify new site in Kent or Queen Anne County. Designate it a LFFA. Study for removal both the Still Pond Creek site and the Route 213 site

- **Daniel Crouse Memorial Park** - Caroline County, Choptank River - meets current criteria for FFA. However, **Martinak State Park** is 1 mile down the Choptank and would offer access to campers as well as local residents. Park has developed waterfront area on Watts Creek and Choptank River. Amenities include a safe bulk headed waterfront near a boat ramp near the campground and nature center. There is ample parking, benches and bathrooms nearby. There is no park entry fee.
 - Seek feedback from stakeholders on designating new LFFA at Martinak State Park and removing existing site at Daniel Crouse Memorial Park.