



*Martin O'Malley, Governor*  
*Anthony G. Brown, Lt. Governor*  
*John R. Griffin, Secretary*  
*Joseph P. Gill, Deputy Secretary*

Action Items from April 29, 2014  
Meeting of the Sport Fisheries Advisory Commission

- ✓ SFAC members are encouraged to voice their opinion regarding the Charles County Septic Tier Map at the public hearing on May 8<sup>th</sup>. (information sent in previous e-mail)
- ✓ Commissioners are urged to send in their comments, and encourage input from the constituents you represent, regarding License Free Fishing Areas (LFFAs) during the regulatory scoping period. Fisheries Service remains open to receive new suggested areas to achieve its vision to have a network of LFFAs across Maryland. Send to Sarah Widman, [swidman@dnr.state.md.us](mailto:swidman@dnr.state.md.us).
- ✓ Encourage Commissioners to distribute information to the constituents you represent and encourage them to make public comment on recreational gear regulatory scoping ideas that includes: rod limits, jugging, trotlining, and traps proposal before final proposal. [fisheriespubliccomment@dnr.state.md.us](mailto:fisheriespubliccomment@dnr.state.md.us). Requested the Fisheries Service clearly identify the regulatory ideas by tidal and non-tidal waters to facilitate public understanding.
- ✓ MD DNR Fisheries Service will establish a Public Notice Authority Workgroup in response to 2014 legislation that was withdrawn. The workgroup will meet this summer. SFAC representatives on the workgroup will include: Dave Sikorski (tidal), Jim Gracie (non-tidal), Bill Goldsborough (conservation), and request Beverly Fleming or Val Lynch to represent Coastal. (First meeting was July 8, 2014)
- ✓ Send comments on the regulatory ideas discussed to address the spread and to mitigate the impact of Invasive Crayfish to Jay Kilian, [jkilian@dnr.state.md.us](mailto:jkilian@dnr.state.md.us) by May 31. Refer to page 32 in the Maryland Fishing Guide <http://www.eregulations.com/maryland/fishing/invasive-species/> for more information and to inform your constituents. Fisheries Service will use this input to develop a regulatory idea that will be scoped later this year.
- ✓ Send comments on potential proposal to NOAA to consider Mallows Bay as a National Marine Sanctuary to <http://sanctuaries.noaa.gov/>. Fisheries Service will keep the SFAC apprised of this issue as the process moves forward.
- ✓ Send comments any allocation request changes for Summer Flounder and/or Mackerel to Nancy Butowski [nbutowski@dnr.state.md.us](mailto:nbutowski@dnr.state.md.us) by May 30<sup>th</sup>.
- ✓ Noreen to send SFAC Blue Crab press release and winter dredge survey results and Gunpowder Tournament information.

- ✓ Establish Workgroup to discuss issues and potential rules for managing fishing tournaments in Maryland. Workgroup members will include Micah Dammeyer as Chair, Roger Trageser (tidal bass), Dave Sikorski (estuarine / marine), Jim Gracie (trout), and Vince Ringgold (estuarine / marine) (added per conversation between Vince and Bill G after the SFAC meeting). (Workgroup established, not meeting until it is necessary)
- ✓ Jim Gracie, Bill Goldsborough, Dave Sikorski, Ed O'Brien to work on a SFAC Resolution to honor Dr. Torrey Brown. (Suggested by Ed O'Brien) (To be discussed at SFAC meeting on July 22)
- ✓ = **Action Item completed**