



THE DNR MISSION

The Department of Natural Resources preserves, protects, enhances and restores Maryland's natural resources for the wise use and enjoyment of all citizens.

THE NRP MISSION

Protecting Maryland's natural resources, public lands, waterways, and people through proactive and responsive law enforcement services with courtesy, integrity, dedication and professionalism.



**Maryland Natural Resources Police
SFAC/TFAC Meeting
Tawes State Office Building
April 2014**

Report Period: January 17, 2014 through April 16, 2014

General Tidal Fish

Recreational:

Area 3—Anne Arundel County, Northern Calvert: A recreational fisherman was cited for harvest/possession of American Shad—Patuxent River at Route 3.

A warning was issued for possession of 3 River Herring at Queen Anne's Bridge Road

Commercial:

Area 3—A commercial waterman was cited for harvest/possession of 7 white perch under 8 inches when harvested with a gill net

Area 4—St Mary's, Charles and Calvert Counties:

A commercial waterman from Rock Hall was cited for harvest/possession of 325 undersize yellow perch. These fish were found at a commercial seafood establishment in St Mary's County.

Another commercial waterman was cited for commercial fishing without Tidal Fish License in Possession.

Striped Bass

Recreational:

Area 3-- Anne Arundel County, Northern Calvert:

In mid-February, two individuals fishing in a boat at Brandon Shores were cited for closed season rockfish violations. 2 fish were returned to the water.

On April 14th, one shoreline fisherman at Down's Park was cited for possession of striped bass during closed season.

Area 6—Central Maryland:

03/23/2014: Location: Elk Neck State Park, North East River, south of Rocky Pt.

One person was charged with Fishing without a license and possession of two striped bass during closed season. This amounted to \$575 in fines.

Commercial:

Area 2—Upper Eastern Shore:

02/05/14: One person issued 2 citations for failure to check in Striped bass by 0900 the next day and failure to be at check in

Oysters & Clams

Commercial:

Area 1—Lower Eastern Shore

02/03/14: One person charged with undersize oysters. 17% and 43%

02/21/14: One person charged with 16% undersize oysters

03/14/14: One Person with 3 dredging violations and 2 undersize oyster violations.

3/21/14: Vehicle stop resulted in two people arrested on outstanding warrants and issued 13 citations for undersize oysters.

3/31/14: Subject charged with over the limit oysters.

Area 2—Upper Eastern Shore:

3/11/14: Two commercial watermen were cited for Unlawfully Harvesting Oysters from a Harvest Reserve Area in the Evans Harvest Reserve Area, Somerset County

3/12/14: Two commercial watermen were cited for Interfering with State Markers after they moved markers that delineate the Evans Harvest Reserve Area, decreasing the marked oyster reserve area.

3/14/14: Four men on three different commercial vessels were observed Unlawfully Harvesting Oysters from a Harvest Reserve Area, again in the Evans Harvest Reserve Area. 4 citations issued.

3/20/14: Two commercial watermen were cited for harvesting oysters from inside of Tangier Sound Oyster Sanctuary

3/20/14: A Natural Resources Police officer stopped and inspected a vehicle carrying 7 bushels of oysters. All seven bushels contained undersized oysters. 7 citations were issued.

3/27/14: A vessel with two individuals on board were observed harvesting oysters from Kitt's Creek Oyster Sanctuary. The operator of the vessel did not comply with police commands and attempt to elude officers. Charges for the operator of the vessel included:

NR 1-206-Failing to Comply with a Lawful Order (Must Appear-\$500 and /or 90 days)

NR 8-727e-Eluding Police (Must Appear-\$1000 and/or 1 year)

NR 4-215 08.02.04.15B(1) Harvesting Oysters in a Sanctuary beyond 150ft (Must Appear-\$3000 max)

NR 4-215 08.02.04.15B Harvesting Oysters in a Sanctuary within 150ft. (\$450 - \$3000 max)

Area 3-- Anne Arundel County, Northern Calvert:

2/21/14: Officers issued one citation for possession of undersize oysters found at a vehicle stop.

Area 4-- St Mary's, Charles and Calvert Counties:

Two undersized oyster cases (commercial)

Recreational

Area 4—St Mary's, Charles and Calvert Counties:

One over the limit oyster case (recreational)

Crabs

Commercial:

Area 2: - Upper Eastern Shore:

02/11/14: 1 person charged Possession of male hard crabs during closed season.

Area 4: St Mary's, Charles and Calvert Counties:

One citation for failure to remove crab pots from the water (commercial)—Potomac River

Non Tidal

Recreational: Area 3, Anne Arundel County and Prince George's County:

A recreational fisherman at Lake Artemesia was cited for exceeding the creel limit for trout in a put-and-take area.

A recreational fisherman at Severn Run was cited for exceeding the creel limit for trout in a put-and-take area.