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Meeting of the MD DNR Artificial Reef Committee
Wednesday, March 26, 2014, 2:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.
Tawes State Office Building, C-1 Conference Room, Annapolis, MD 21401
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Preliminary Agenda*

2:00 PM: Welcome and General Announcements – Erik Zlokovitz, MD DNR Fisheries Service
Desired Outcome – Update

2:05 PM: MARI Treasurer's Report – Ed Liccione, Erik Zlokovitz
Desired Outcome – Update on status of funds, discuss allocation of funds

- Update on existing funds in MARI 501(c)(3) account.
- Update on status of new 2013-2014 MARI Bond Bill (approved at February 5 BPW meeting)
- Continue discussion of allocation of new bond bill funds (% for Bay construction, ocean construction, and monitoring)

2:20 PM: ARC Attendance and proposed operating guidelines – Erik Zlokovitz

Desired Outcome – Update on ARC membership/attendance issues and proposed operating guidelines. ARC may vote on adopting SFAC guidelines or consider for a vote at October meeting.

- Update on attendance and attendance policies for ARC members.
- Consider adopting the SFAC operating guidelines for the ARC, with minor edits if needed. (The adoption of the SFAC guidelines was discussed in 2009 but never finalized).

2:40 PM: 2014 reef construction project updates – Erik Zlokovitz, MD DNR Fisheries Service, Karl Willey, Bill Huppert, Rick Younger, and Monty Hawkins.

Desired Outcome – Update committee on upcoming 2014 reef construction projects. Make decision on materials for Love Pt reef.

MARI funded:

- Hail Cove, David Sutherland, USFWS (\$40K existing MARI funds + 40K USFWS)
- Love Point (consider rock bid and materials of opportunity, decide on material for construction).

Non-MARI funded:

- Choptank River Bridge Piers, Karl Willey, CBF (Bill Burton Pier Reef-North/Talbot), to be deployed by CBF
- Memorial Stadium Reef Ball Site (annual May deployment), deployed by CBF, reef balls built by MSSA volunteers. Update on 1.5 acre expansion request sent to Corps. Bill Huppert and Erik Zlokovitz.

OCRF funded (including projects with supplemental MARI funds):

- Ocean Reefs, coral castle blocks, Capt. Monty Hawkins (deployed with OCRF funds + supplemental MARI funds).

- Ocean Reefs, larger material deployed from OCRF barge (OCRF funds and supplemental MARI funds)

3:20 PM: Reef Materials of opportunity and process for inspecting and accepting or rejecting materials – Erik Zlokovitz, MD DNR Fisheries Service, Monty Hawkins, OCRF

Desired Outcome – Update committee on reef materials of opportunity in MD (concrete pipes, rubble, etc) and discuss process to inspect and accept or reject materials.

3:35 PM: Artificial Reef Volunteer Angler Logbook Survey and Monitoring update – Erik Zlokovitz, MD DNR Fisheries Service

Desired outcome – Update staff on 2014 volunteer angler survey activities, vote on authorization/funding and incentives for logbook survey.

- Finalize authorization and funding of Angler's logbook survey study for 2014 (June-July-August 2014)
- Finalize incentives - vote from ARC
- Update on ongoing efforts to recruit anglers for 2014 logbook survey. (PR, fishing club meetings, etc)
- Bill Burton Pier fishing survey with CBF/MSSA-continuing pre and post surveys
- New volunteer angler website survey – update on use and PR discussion

4:15 PM: Outreach Efforts

Desired Outcome – Update on outreach efforts during winter 2013-14 winter fishing show season. Preliminary discussion of Fall 2014-Winter 2015 outreach.

4:30 PM: 2014 ARC Meeting Schedule – Erik Zlokovitz.

Desired Outcome –Establish next meeting date and times for 2014 as follows:

October 29th 2:00 – 5:00 PM

All meetings to be held in Tawes State Office Building in Annapolis, MD

4:40 PM: **Public Comment

5:00 PM: Adjourn

*The preliminary agenda is subject to change

**Public Comment as time allows