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Meeting of the MD DNR Artificial Reef Committee (ARC)
Wednesday, October 29, 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 – opening remarks and announcements

2:05 PM: MARI Treasurer's Report – Ed Liccione or 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
- Continue discussion of allocation of new bond bill funds (% for Bay construction, ocean construction, and monitoring)

2:20 PM: ARC Attendance, assignments, and proposed operating guidelines – Erik Zlokovitz
Desired Outcome – Update on ARC membership/attendance issues, ARC assignments, and proposed operating guidelines. ARC will vote on adopting CFAC guidelines.

- Reminder on attendance and attendance policies for ARC members.
- Update of ARC assignments – monitoring documents, Five-year MARI plan, etc
- Consider adopting the CFAC or operating guidelines for the ARC, with minor edits if needed. Vote from ARC

2:50 PM: 2014 reef construction project and permit updates – Erik Zlokovitz, MD DNR Fisheries Service, Karl Willey, Bill Huppert, and Monty Hawkins.

Desired Outcome – Update committee on status of 2014 reef construction projects and permits.

MARI funded:

- Update on baywide reef permits for 2015 – Erik Zlokovitz, MD DNR Fisheries Service
- Hail Cove, David Sutherland, USFWS (completed- 40K MARI funds + 40K USFWS/CCA)
- Love Point (updated construction schedule).
- Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant steel panels (Tentative, pending review)

Non-MARI funded:

- Choptank River Bridge Piers, Karl Willey, CBF (Bill Burton Pier Reef-North/Talbot) deployed by CBF
- Memorial Stadium Reef Ball Site (annual May deployment), deployed by CBF, reef balls built by MSSA volunteers. Reef expanded by 1.5 acres (Approved by Army Corps). Bill Huppert and Erik Zlokovitz.
- Dominion-Cove Pt. donated concrete 2015-17

OCRF funded:

- Ocean Reefs, coral castle blocks, Capt. Monty Hawkins
- Ocean Reefs, larger material deployed from OCRF barge

3:25 PM: Reef Materials of opportunity – Erik Zlokovitz, MD DNR Fisheries Service, Monty Hawkins, OCRF
Desired Outcome – Update committee on reef materials of opportunity in MD (concrete pipes, rubble, steel, etc)

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

Desired outcome – Update committee on 2014 volunteer angler survey activities and data gathering, vote on authorization/funding and incentives for 2015 logbook survey.

- Summary of Angler's logbook survey activities for 2014 – data collection and entry, Timeline for report.
- Authorize funding of Angler's logbook survey study for 2015 (June-July-August 2015)
- Discuss efforts to recruit anglers for 2015 logbook survey. (PR, fishing club meetings, etc)
- Bill Burton Pier fishing survey with CBF/MSSA-continuing pre and post surveys (Ongoing)
- Volunteer angler website survey – update on use and PR discussion

4:15 PM: Outreach Efforts

Desired Outcome – Discussion of 2014-Winter 2015 outreach (Fishing shows and other opportunities).

- Review MARI outreach activities in 2014.
- Discuss volunteer opportunities to help with future MARI outreach projects.

4:45 PM: 2015 ARC Meeting Schedule – Erik Zlokovitz.

Desired Outcome –Establish next meeting date and times for 2015 as follows:

- Mid or late February, 2015 (avoid conflict with ASMFC Winter Meeting, Feb 3-5, Council Meeting Feb 10-12)
- Last week of October, 2015 - 2:00 – 5:00 PM

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

4:50 PM: **Public Comment

5:00 PM: Adjourn

*The preliminary agenda is subject to change

**Public Comment as time allows