



*Martin O'Malley, Governor*  
*Anthony G. Brown, Lt. Governor*  
*Joseph P. Gill, Secretary*  
*Frank W. Dawson III, Deputy Secretary*

### Motions and Actions Summary

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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**ARC Members in Attendance:** Chairman Monty Hawkins (OCRf), Vice-Chairman Dave Dansberger (Rec Fishing Community, Upper Bay), , David Sutherland (USFWS), Capt. Rick Younger (DNR/MGS), Clint Waters (MSSA), Capt. Karl Willey (CBF), Tom Ireland (MCBA)

**ARC Members not in Attendance:** Ed Liccione (MARI Treasurer/CCA), Norm McCullough (MD Hydronauts), Gary Setzer (MDE), Richard Webster, Greg Madjeski, Curtis Johns, Bill Huppert, Mark Galasso, Darryl Del Pino, Richard Berich.

**DNR-Fisheries Staff in Attendance:** Erik Zlokovitz

**Members of the public attending:** Bob Geisler

### Motions:

- Motion to continue 2015 logbook survey with funding support not to exceed \$1200. Motion by Dave Dansberger, seconded by Monty Hawkins. Motion passed with all in favor, 0 against, 0 abstained.

### Actions:

- ARC agreed to adopt CFAC guidelines with some minor edits. Final version will be sent around via email. ARC suggested a 4 year term for chair and vice-chair, but DNR management already decided on 2 year term last year.
- Attendance at ARC meetings continues to be low, about 50% of historic levels. General consensus from DNR management and some ARC membership was that attendance should be 100% if only two in-person meetings are scheduled per year. Attendance policy will be included in the operating guidelines.
- The baywide MARI artificial reef permits will expire in August of 2015. Staff have sent a letter to Army Corps regulatory office in Baltimore to notify the Corps of the intent to renew and to continue MARI program. Similar notice will be given to state agencies – MDE and BPW and the renewal process will continue in November/December 2014 and 2015.
- Love Point boulder reef project (updated construction schedule), ARC agreed to a higher price of 70K for larger armor stone (boulder material). Staff are in contact with the rock quarry, construction company, and USCG and deployment is scheduled to be completed by 11/21.
- Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant steel panels (Tentative, pending review) Staff informed the ARC that there were some concerns raised by MDE and BPW about radioactivity in the steel panels at MDE and

have asked MDE to identify staff that could perform a test for radioactivity. If the material is clean then the ARC noted a preference to deploy at Taylor's Is reef site, directly across bay from Calvert Cliffs. Also noted was a preference to weld the panels into a "T-shape" to provide greater vertical profile and to deploy on top of existing barge in Taylor's reef site. Staff will inform ARC if there are problems with material or increase in price.

- Staff will inform ARC when site visits to inspect Dominion-Cove Pt concrete material are scheduled. In addition to the Cedar Pt site at mouth of Patuxent, the Taylor's Island site was noted as a preferred site.
- CBF has continued building reef balls and will be storing them over the winter. They will be deployed in a site TBD (after mutual agreement with DNR management). Choptank River Bridge Piers (Bill Burton Pier, Talbot side) has limited space, so another site will need to be identified.
- Staff will send update to the ARC on the status of analysis of 2014 MARI Angler's logbook survey data and report. A summary report should be available in December or January.
- Funding of Angler's logbook survey study for 2015 (June-July-August 2015) has been authorized and staff will be recruiting anglers at fishing club meetings, and using DNR website and social media.
- Bill Burton Pier fishing survey with CBF/MSSA-post reef ball survey will be conducted in May/June.
- Staff will look into problem with credit card donations on MARI site.
- MARI will have booth at Pasadena Fishing Show.
- Next meeting dates February and October, 2015 (exact dates TBD):
  - Mid or late February, 2015 (avoid conflict with ASMFC Winter Meeting, Feb 3-5, Council Meeting Feb 10-12), 2:
  - Last week of October, 2015 - 2:00 – 5:00 PM
  - All meetings to be held in Tawes State Office Building in Annapolis, MD