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MEMORANDUM

TO: Tidal Fish Advisory Commission
Sport Fish Advisory Commission

FROM: Michael Luisi, Fisheries Service

SUBJECT: Recommendations from the Commercial Striped Bass Industry Workgroup regarding quota and seasonal modifications to the 2011 commercial pound net and hook & line fisheries

Background:

The Commercial Striped Bass Industry Workgroup (SBWG) was formed to provide recommendations to the Tidal Fish Advisory Commission on matters concerning the administration and management of Maryland's commercial striped bass fishery.

Issues:

1. Reallocation of HL/GN quota to the Pound Net fishery.

The SBWG convened on March 30th, 2011 in Annapolis to discuss and provide a recommendation regarding the reallocation of quota to the pound net fishery. In order for a pound net fisherman to receive his full allocation, a shift of approximately 190,000 lbs of quota is necessary. The SBWG discussion centered around which of the two other Chesapeake Bay fisheries (Hook & Line and Gill Net) would give up the 190,000 pounds of quota. Recent increases in the number of declared pound net fishermen is the impetus for this action.

- Motion: **“Move to cap the amount of quota shifted to the pound net fishery at 150,000 pounds. The allocation option for this quota shift will be 100% from the Hook & Line fishery and 0% from the Gill Net fishery.”** J. Krause / J. Motovidlak. Motion Carries the 2/3 majority requirement.

2. Modifications to the Hook & Line fishery / Tagging requirements

The SBWG convened on May 11th, 2011 in Annapolis to discuss and provide a recommendation regarding modifications to the 2011 Hook & Line fishery. The following are motions made that carried the 2/3 majority requirement.

- Motion: **“Move to allow H&L fishing on Friday.”** G. Dean /J. Krause
- Motion: **“Move to allow H&L fishing until sunset.”** C. Libercci /J. Ashton
- Motion: **“Move to establish a 500 lb/day and 1500 lb/week H&L quota even if the fishery operates 5 days a week.”** G. Dean /J. Krause
- Tagging Motion: **“Move to recommend that the Department change the current H&L and PN tagging regulations to require all striped bass caught must be tagged prior to landing.”** G. Dean / C. Wilson