



*Martin O'Malley, Governor*  
*Anthony G. Brown, Lt. Governor*  
*John R. Griffin, Secretary*  
*Joseph P. Gill, Deputy Secretary*

Meeting of the Sportfish Advisory Commission  
November 15, 2011  
6-9 PM  
Tawes State Office Building  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Summary of Motions and Actions

Commissioners Present: Vice Chairman Bill Windley, Roger Trageser, Larry Coburn, Greg Jetton, Herb Smith, Dr. Ray Morgan, Carol Stevenson, Ed O'Brien, Brandon White, Val Lynch, Dave Sikorski, Dave Smith, James Wommack

Commissioners not present: Chairman Jim Gracie, Bill Goldsborough

DNR Staff: Tom O'Connell, Martin Gary, Kelley Johnson (NRP), Sarah Widman, Karen Knotts, Don Cosden, Dianne Samuels

Public: Ken Hastings, Sid Rosenburg, Dr. Ken Lewis

Court Recorder: David

Action Items

- Provide the Commission with a White Paper on Maryland's commercial pound net fishery to include fishery and regulatory overview, and also to include biological impacts, enforcement and consistency of the application of regulations. Timeline to be provided to the Commission no later than the next meeting.
- Don Cosden will provide Commissioner Ray Morgan with a copy of a spreadsheet that evaluates MDE regulatory compliance of the Wolfden Run permit.
- Tom O'Connell will follow up on the issue of concern raised by Commissioner James Wommack's regarding a rumor that international fishing vessels were obtaining state commercial licenses in New England (i.e. Maine).
- Marty Gary will follow up with Matt Lawrence regarding some problems (broken links) with the pound net map that is on Fisheries Service's web page. This problem was identified by Commissioner Brandon White.
- Marty Gary will send the SFAC members an update on commercial striped bass regulatory and administrative changes that go into effect prior to the December 2011 gill net season.
- Marty Gary will follow up with Sarah Widman to determine if the season for setting pound nets is established through DNR regulatory authority or would require legislative change.
- Commissioner Val Lynch requested Department consideration of providing the SFAC with meeting agenda and handout material two weeks prior to the meeting (currently it is one week), and consider having 'consent' agenda items to improve meeting efficiency.

## Motions

- Move to support a quarterly meeting schedule for the 2012 meetings of the SFAC. Motion made by Commissioner Dave Smith and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Ed O'Brien. Motion carried unanimously, 13-0. The Commission supported the Department's suggestion to schedule these meetings prior to the quarterly ASMFC meetings. It was also recognized that if an issue arises in between meetings that the Department would consider convening the SFAC via a meeting or conference call to discuss. Members of the SFAC also requested that the Department work to avoid having a meeting during the spring striped bass trophy fishery.
- Move to support a meeting time of 2 - 5 p.m. for the 2012 SFAC meetings. Motion made by Commissioner Val Lynch and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Roger Trageser. Motion carried 10 in support and 3 abstentions. Those abstaining preferred a 3 - 6 p.m. meeting time. This preference was to provide more time for charter boat captains to make it to the meeting if they have a fishing party the day of the meeting, and to mitigate traffic issues during rush hour. After the motion it was agreed to set a 3 - 6 p.m. meeting time for the SFAC's summer (July) meeting to mitigate the charter boat concern.