



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

Meeting of the MD DNR Tidal Fisheries Advisory Commission
March 17, 2011
6:30-9 PM
Tawes State Office Building
C-1 Conference Room
Annapolis, MD 21401

Commissioners Present (including proxies):

Chairman Jack Brooks, Steve Gordon, John Van Alstine, Bob Evans (proxy for J.R. Gross), Russell Dukes, Billy Rice, Robert "Moochie" Gilmer, Russell Dize (proxy for Larry Simms), Richard Young, Bill Goldsborough, Brian Keehn, Mike Benjamin, Andrea Jacquette, Gilbert "Gibby" Dean.

Commissioners Absent:

Greg Price

Motions:

- 1) Motion: Revisit out of season harvest with Penalty Workgroup. Motion by Richard Young, Seconded by Billy Rice
Vote: Passed, 2 Abstentions

Actions:

- 1) Distribute and/or provide weblink to the TFAC operating guidelines, and encourage Commissioners to review them. (Guidelines Link: <http://dnr.maryland.gov/fisheries/pdfs/SFACTFACOperationalGuidelinesFinalProposed90809.pdf>)
- 2) Request that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers bring forth any alternative material projects for deployment on bay bottom to the TFAC for input.
- 3) Fisheries to explore potential management options to allow a commercial hook and line flounder fishery with consistent minimum size limits with other commercial gears used to harvest flounder.
- 4) Fisheries will work with Wildlife Services to identify issues pertaining to fisheries bycatch issues with terrapins, and identify strategies to mitigate gear interactions and mortality.