#### THE DNR MISSION



The Department of Natural Resources preserves, protects, enhances and restores Maryland's natural resources for the wise use and enjoyment of all citizens.

#### THE NRP MISSION

The Maryland Natural Resources Police serve as a public safety agency with statewide authority to enforce conservation, boating, and criminal laws, as well as to provide primary law enforcement services for Maryland's state parks, state forests, and public lands owned and managed by the Maryland Department of Natural Resources. The agency is also responsible for maritime and rural search and rescue, and is designated as the state's lead agency for homeland security on Maryland waters; and in all of its operations and activities strives to provide superior service to all of Maryland's citizens and visitors who enjoy the state's natural resources.



Maryland Natural Resources Police TFAC Meeting Tawes State Office Building July 19, 2011

Report Period: May 13, 2011 to July 14, 2011

### **General Tidal Fish**

- WO CO 6 citations issued for undersize summer flounder.
  - 5 citations issued for undersize Tautog
  - 1 citations issued for over the limit of Bluefish.
- CH CO 13 Eel pots were illegally set and seized. The owner called to report them stolen and was Issued a citation for improperly displayed TFL.
  - 14 eel pots seized along with one crab pot. (5-24)
- TA CO 7 citations and 17 warnings for misc. fishing violations on the Bill Burton Fishing Pier.
- DO CO 4 citations and 16 warnings issued on the Choptank Fishing Pier. June 26<sup>th</sup>.

## **Striped Bass**

- SM CO 1 citation for undersize rockfish.
- DO CO 1 citation issued for untagged rockfish.
- CH CO- 1 warning issued to subject keeping an undersize striped bass at the boat ramp on Mattingly Ave.
- AA CO 5 citations issued after call for keeping undersize rockfish at Patuxent Park.
- WO CO 1 citation issued for undersize striped bass.

# **Oysters & Clams**

DO CO – 1 citation issued for illegal clamming in restricted area.

#### Crabs

- CH CO 5 crab pots were seized off Cedar Point on Potomac for being unmarked.
  - 10 citations were issued to a subject who was arrested for steeling crabs from pots in the Potomac River
  - 1 citation for female crabs
- SO CO 4 citations and 13 warning for possession of female crabs

- WO CO 36 citations and 6 warnings issued for undersize hard crabs
- WI CO 1 citation issued for undersize crabs (83) and possession of female crabs
- CA CO 1 crab pot seized for being unmarked. 3 seized that were illegally set
- WO CO 1 citation issued to a commercial waterman for crabbing after legal hours.
- SO CO 6 citations and 10 warnings were issued for undersize crabs.
- SO CO 1 citation was issued for over the limit of crabs
- WO CO 12 commercial crab pots were seized.
- SO CO 11 illegal crab pots seized.
- BC several citations issued for undersize and possession of female crabs.
  - a subject was charged with failing to allow for inspection/culling of hard crabs after the subject dumped his crabs overboard prior to officer being able to cull.
- QA CO 2 warnings issued for lines being set within 100' of a commercial crabbers trot line.
- DO CO A subject will be charged with having 85 crab pots, unmarked and starting to early in the Little Choptank River near James Island after working surveillance.
  - A commercial waterman was charged with crabbing before legal hours. (0340)
- CA CO After working surveillance for two nights in the Patuxent River, officers issued 5 citations and 11 Warnings for recreational crabbers selling, keeping undersized crabs and crabbing a after hours.
- DO CO Crab saturation patrol (06-23-11) 18 warnings/ 1 citation issued.
- AA CO 1 waterman was apprehended for crabbing at 0145 hrs.
  - 1 citation for a trotline violation dispute between two watermen.
  - 1 citation issued for possession of female crabs.

## Non Tidal

- MO CO Two fishermen were arrested following fishing violations. One on active warrant and one For not having ID.
- FR CO 1 citation issued to subject for fishing in youth and blind area of Carroll Creek.
  - 1 citation issued for possession of bait in Owens Creek.
  - 2 warnings issued for possession of trout and fishing w/out lic. in possession in Owens Cr.
- WA CO- 2 citations issued for possession of bass during closed season.
- GA CO 4 warnings issued for minor fishing violations after officers kayaked between Jennings Randolph dam to Bloomington. (24 fishermen checked on July 2<sup>nd</sup>)

# Fishing Grant – \$12,014.59 used in the Western Region.

# Area 7 - \$8,021.76 (through July 10<sup>th</sup>)

- 24 Fishing Citations
- 27 Fishing Warnings
- 7 other citations boating, PFD related
- 21 other warnings boating related

# **Area 8 - \$3,992.83 (through June 18<sup>th</sup>)**

- 17 Fishing Citations
- 25 Fishing Warnings
- 15 other citations
- 68 other warnings