



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

Striped Bass Industry Work Group Meeting Scheduled for November 30, 2011

November 9, 2011

Dear Striped Bass Industry Work Group Member,

The purpose of this letter is to notify you of an upcoming Striped Bass Industry Work Group meeting on Wednesday, November 30, 2011 at the Tawes Building in Annapolis. The meeting will begin at 6:00 pm in the C-1 conference room. If you will not be able to attend the meeting, please have your proxy attend in your place.

The agenda for this meeting includes the following items:

- **Distribution of the 2012 Commercial Quota to the Pound Net, Gill Net and H&L Fisheries.**
 - As was predicted, there are more fishermen declared in the 2012 Pound Net fishery than there were in 2011. The Department is seeking a recommendation from the Work Group on how we should proceed when establishing the individual Pound Net and monthly Gill Net/H&L quotas for 2012.
 - As a reminder, the decision made last year was to shift 150,000 pounds from the H&L fishery to the Pound Net fishery and the Department faced heavy criticism by following through with this recommendation.
 - Options based on various allocation scenarios will be presented at the meeting.
 - As soon as we compile these options we will send them to you for review.
- **Establish a Sub-Committee of the Work Group Members Tasked with Evaluating Alternative Management Strategies for the 2013 Commercial Striped Bass Fishery.**
 - This sub-committee will work with DNR staff to produce a set of options on 'other' ways we could manage the quota in the striped bass fishery.
 - A document containing these options will be presented to the entire Work Group for discussion in January/February 2012.

Mike Luisi and I plan to contact each of you to discuss these topics with you prior to the meeting, however, if you have any questions please give me (410) 260-8293 or Mike (410) 260-8341 a call. Talk to you soon.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Matt Lawrence".

Matt Lawrence
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