

Winter Meeting of the Tidal Fisheries Advisory Commission  
January 29, 2015  
Canvasback Conference Room  
Chesapeake Bay Foundation  
Philip Merrill Environmental Center  
6 Herndon Avenue  
Annapolis, MD 21403  
2-5 PM

Preliminary Agenda\*

- 2:00-2:05 Welcome and Announcements – Tom O’Connell, Director MD DNR Fisheries Service and Billy Rice, TFAC Chairman
- Desired Outcome: Update the Commission on new Administration leadership changes, and other relevant information.
- 2:05-2:20 Public Comment\*\*
- 2:20-2:30 **Tab 2** - NRP Activity report – Lt. Art Windemuth, MD DNR NRP (handouts)
- Desired Outcome: Update the Commission on the latest NRP activity.
- 2:30-2:45 **Tab 3** - Regulatory Updates and Regulatory Scoping Items (handouts), Explain how DNR handles TFAC motions – Jacob Holtz and Tom O’Connell, MD DNR Fisheries Service
- Desired Outcome: Obtain Commission input on regulatory scoping ideas under consideration, and clarify how motions how handled by DNR.
- 2:45-3:45 **Tab 4** - Estuarine and Marine Fisheries Management Planning
- ASMFC Update
    - Striped Bass Management (2015 management, status of appeal) – Tom O’Connell, MD DNR Fisheries Service (Handout)
    - Menhaden, MD DNR Fisheries Service
- Desired Outcome: Update the Commission and obtain input.

- 3:45-4:30    **Tab 5 - Shellfish**
- Review Oyster Advisory Commission recommendations from 2-year charter which was completed in 2014
- Desired Outcome: Update the Commission and obtain input.
- Discuss DNR's 2014 Fresh Shell Policy
- Desired Outcome: Provide clarification of policy and identify areas of concern by TFAC.
- 4:30-4:45    **Tab 6 - Legislative Updates – Gina Hunt, MD DNR Fisheries Service**
- Desired Outcome: Update the Commission and obtain input.
- 4:45-5:00    Closing Remarks – Chairman Billy Rice and Tom O'Connell
- 5:00          Adjourn

\*The Preliminary agenda is subject to change

\*\*Public comment as time allows. Public observers will be allowed to address the TFAC at the designated time period on the agenda for each meeting. For topics that are not on the agenda, the Chairperson will use a public sign-up list in deciding how to allocate the available time on the agenda to the number of people who want to speak. For topics on the agenda, the Chairperson will try to provide an opportunity for comment, taking into account the time allotted on the agenda for the topic.

Handouts: Agenda, NRP Activity Update, Regulatory Updates & Scoping Updates, Striped Bass Industry Workgroup Meeting, Fishing Another's Gill Net, SCCA Letter