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Winter Meeting of the Sport Fisheries Advisory Commission
January 27, 2015
Canvasback Conference Room
Chesapeake Bay Foundation
Philip Merrill Environmental Center
6 Herndon Avenue
Annapolis, MD 21403
2-5 PM

Preliminary Agenda (Slightly Modified on 1-27-15)*

- 2:00-2:05 Welcome and Announcements – Tom O’Connell, Director MD DNR Fisheries Service and Bill Goldsborough, SFAC Chairman
- Desired Outcome: Update the Commission on new Administration leadership changes, and other relevant information.
- 2:05-2:20 Public Comment**
- 2:20-2:35 NRP Activity report – Acting Lieutenant Aaron Parker, MD DNR NRP (handouts)
- Desired Outcome: Update the Commission on the latest NRP activity.
- 2:35-2:50 Regulatory Updates and Regulatory Scoping Items (handouts) – Jacob Holtz, MD DNR Fisheries Service
- Desired Outcome: Obtain Commission input on regulatory scoping ideas under consideration.
- 2:50-3:50 Estuarine and Marine Fisheries Management Planning
- ASMFC Update
 - Striped Bass Management (2015 management measures, status of appeal consideration) – Tom O’Connell, MD DNR Fisheries Service
 - Striped Bass Pre-Season Catch & Release Fishery and its Impact on Stock – Lynn Fegley, MD DNR Fisheries Service
 - Atlantic Menhaden – Lynn Fegley and Bill Goldsborough
- Desired Outcome: Update the Commission and obtain input on 2015 management measures. The pre-season striped bass catch and release agenda item is the result of the Commission’s request for more information at the last meeting. Handouts for both topics will be sent out prior to meeting. The Commission’s request for more



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information on the use of offset circle hooks when using bait for striped bass will be presented at the spring meeting. Provide brief update on new menhaden stock assessment.

- 3:50-4:05 Inland Fisheries
- Retirement of Don Cosden, Inland Fisheries Division Manager and recruitment of new manager update – Gina Hunt, MD DNR Fisheries Service
 - Discuss angler preference survey being developed and conducted in 2016 – Scott Knoche, University of MD / MD DNR
 - Tidal Bass Roundtable meeting planned for February - Tom O’Connell, MD DNR Fisheries Service
- Desired Outcome: Update the Commission.
- 4:05-4:15 Legislative Updates – Tom O’Connell, MD DNR, Fisheries Service and SFAC Members
- Desired Outcome: Update the Commission and obtain input.
- 4:15-4:45 Marketing
- Discuss January License Incentive – Tom O’Connell, Director MD DNR Fisheries Service
- Desired Outcome: Update Commission on lessons learned on first promotional period, future promotions in 2015, and ideas about loyalty customer program.
- 4:45-5:00 Closing Remarks – Chairman Bill Goldsborough 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 SFAC 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, Legislative Updates. 2015 Recreational Striped Bass Fishery Options, SCCA Letter