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**Subject: Addition of Gray Triggerfish to Angler Awards Program**

Commissioners,

Wayne Gower on October 31, 2014 caught a record size 5 lb., 2 oz. gray triggerfish while fishing on a charter boat out of Ocean City Maryland. Mr. Gower's triggerfish was of such notable size that it was put up for consideration as a state record for the species. Gray triggerfish are becoming a common species of fish caught by recreational fishermen off Ocean City and for this reason we would like to include it as an eligible species for the Maryland Fishing Challenge. We are recommending a minimum size of 20 inches which mirrors Virginia requirements for a catch and release award certificate.

Cordially,  
Keith

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