

Contest Objectives:

Showcase MD fishing

Increase recreational fishing participation



2013/14 Contest Evaluation and Updates

- 1) **Add new eligible species** – Atlantic Cod (award size 36"); Kingfish (14"); Tautog (24")
- 2) **Add Invasive Species Component**
 - Angler Awards – meet minimum award size (NSH - 30"; Blue Cat. – 40"; Flathead Cat. – 34")
 - State records – exceed existing record
 - Angler's Log – any size fish is eligible
- 3) **Replace DJ Component**
 - Using majority of resources (time & expenditures)
 - 1 species, Chesapeake Bay; tidal license holders
 - Allocate more resources to other components; 67 species; statewide; all recreational license holders + anglers < 16

Reallocation of DJ Cash Award in 2014/15

(NEW) ANGLER AWARD PRIZE	PURPOSE	APPROACH	PRIZE AWARD
Regional Prizes	Promote fishing opportunities throughout the state	3 winners randomly selected from angler award recipients in each division	NONTIDAL: 3 prizes @ \$2,000 ea TIDAL: 3 prizes @ 2,000 ea ATLANTIC: 3 prizes @ 2,000 ea TOTAL: \$18,000
Master Angler Prize	Encourage avid anglers to try new areas and recognize them for achievement	Prize money distributed equally among all qualifying anglers (catch award fish in each division)	\$2,000
MFC Finale Random Prize(s)	Maintain excitement at finale event with opportunity to win random cash prizes	Prize money distributed by random drawing from angler award winners at Finale (same as grand prizes)	\$5,000
			GRAND TOTAL \$25,000

Feedback Needed

- 1) How should MFC Finale Random Prize be allocated?**
- 2) Ideas for charterboat/guide prize in 2015/16 contest**
- 3) Ideas for promoting MD Fishing Challenge to further enhance awareness & participation?**