



Larry Hogan, Governor
Boyd K. Rutherford, Lt. Governor
Mark J. Belton, Secretary
Frank W. Dawson, III, Deputy Secretary

Meeting of the Sport Fisheries Advisory Commission
April 28, 2015
C-1 Conference Room
DNR Tawes Office Building
580 Taylor Ave
Annapolis, MD 21403

Summary of Motions & Actions

Commissioners in Attendance: Chairman Bill Goldsborough, Ed O'Brien, Jim Gracie, Mark DeHoff, Phil Langley, Roger Trageser, Vice-Chairman Dave Sikorski, Rachel Dean, Val Lynch, Ray Morgan, Micah Dammeyer Leonard Grier (for James Wommack), and Frank Tuma (for Tim Smith)

Commissioner Absent and Not Represented: Kate Chaney, Vince Ringgold and Beverly Fleming

DNR Staff Attending: Secretary Mark Belton, Assistant Secretary David Goshorn, Director Tom O'Connell, Paul Genovese, Karen Knotts, Jacob Holtz, Mike Luisi, Sarah Widman, Rich Norling, Tony Prochaska, and Steve Vilnit.

Members of the Public Attending: Don Cosden, Nancy Servatius (DHMH), Kathy Brohawn (MDE)

Summary: Secretary Mark Belton was introduced to the commission and staff in attendance, the secretary participated in a question & answer session. The Secretary also spoke on his 'Top Ten' list of priorities for the Department. In addition to the action (items listed below) and agenda items the commission also spoke of a need to meet with its counterpart in Virginia for better communication on common issues.

Action Items:

- A workgroup will review and finalize any changes to wording on vibrio public information campaign flyer(s). Workgroup will consist of commissioners Dave Sikorski (lead), Jim Gracie, Phil Langley, and Roger Trageser, workgroup will report to MDE's Kathy Brohawn. Request that presentation material will be distributed to SFAC members.
- Fisheries Regulatory program will scope the idea of removing the crabbing license exemption that allows the use of certain crabbing gear without a license in License Free Fishing Areas and clarify that only handlines and dip nets may be used by unlicensed individuals.
- Commission will submit new ideas for the 2015/2016 Maryland Fishing Challenge (MFC) concerning prize structure and/or awards during its July 21 meeting. Request that MFC outreach material (e.g. flyers) be sent to SFAC members, and that there be more outreach in non-tidal waters.
- Request by Ms. Dean to have DNR examine a requirement to standardize the marking of oyster leases, and require lease areas be included in the annual oyster closure booklet which is provided to oyster surcharge license holders.

Motions: None

Tentative Agenda Items for Next Meeting: New ideas for 2015/2016 MFC

Next Meeting Date: July 21, 2015

To be held in the Conference Room C-1 of the Tawes Building from 3:00-6:00 PM.