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Spring Meeting of the Tidal Fisheries Advisory Commission  
April 30, 2015  
Tawes State Office Building  
C-1 Conference Room  
Annapolis, MD 21401  
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\*\*
- 2:20-2:35 NRP Activity Report – NRP Officers reassigned this week to Baltimore, will not attend (handout)
- Desired Outcome: Update the Commission on the latest NRP activity.
- 2:35-2:55 Artificial Reefs - Status of Love Pt Fish Haven and notification of 2015 material deployments (handout), Erik Zlokovitz, MD DNR Fisheries Service
- 2:55-3:15 Vibrio Public Information Campaign (Handout) – Dr. Jed Miller, MDE  
Desired Outcome: Provide feedback to MDE on Senate Bill 83
- 3:15-3:35 Regulations
- Update - public notices, scoping, proposed and regulations which became effective (handout) – Sarah Widman, MD DNR Fisheries Service
  - Legislative Summary – Recap of fisheries related legislation from 2015 General Assembly - Gina Hunt, MD DNR, Fisheries Service (handout)
- 3:35-4:15 Estuarine and Marine Fisheries Management Planning
- Yellow Perch Fishery – Steve Lay
  - Update on blue crab winter dredge survey results – Lynn Fegley, MD DNR
  - Chesapeake Watershed Agreement Management Strategies: Blue Crab Abundance and Management Outcomes (handout) – Nancy Butowski, MD DNR Fisheries Service and Gail Sindorf, TFAC commissioner.

Desired Outcome: Submit TFAC comments to Chesapeake Bay Program by May 11th

4:15-4:30 Discuss requirement for a tidal fishing license holder pay a harvester registration fee when transferring license – Rachel Dean, TFAC and SFAC commissioner

Desired Outcome: Begin discussion

4:30-4:45 Coastal Bays Hard Clam Fishery – Tom O’Connell, MD DNR Fisheries Service

Desired Outcome: TFAC member requested a discussion on background and potential opportunities for a hard clam fishery in the coastal bays

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, Artificial Reef handout, Vibrio Public Information Flyers, Regulatory Update, Regulatory Scoping, Legislative Summary, CBP’s Blue Crab Abundance and Management