



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

Action Items from January 29, 2015
Meeting of the Tidal Fisheries Advisory Commission

NRP

- ✓ Concern about officers performing cold water safety checks multiple times for the same individual over a short period of time. Lt. Windemuth will discuss with their officers.
- ✓ Recommended to explore changing the measurement procedure for striped bass from pinching the tail tips together to measuring at the tail 'v'. Size restrictions would need to be adjusted. Reportedly being used in New York. Commissioners agreed to give it more thought, as will Fisheries Service.
- ✓ Recommended that NRP highlight enforcement areas of concern in their quarterly meeting reports for which TFAC could offer advice on to address.

Regulatory

- ✓ SB83 Vibrio Notice – Require the Department to print information regarding vibrio health risks on recreational license.
- ✓ Seafood Labeling Bill (has not been filed) – Delegate Leutdke – objective is to address mislabeling of imported blue crab meat. Commission expressed concern with 4-11F-03 (A)(2) and (C)(1), and to add soft crabs. The Commission would like to see the final submitted bill before taking any position. Follow up questions/concerns can be provided to Steve Vilnit at stephen.vilnit@maryland.gov.
- Invasive Crayfish: Request further consideration for allowing commercial harvest in tidal waters.
*Waiting on management decision
- Tidal Fisheries Advisory Commission: Agree to modify the TFAC operating guidelines to be consistent with the statute which establishes the TFAC regarding the term limit of a chairperson.
- ✓ Seine haul for gizzard shad – What are the existing rules for Baltimore County? Interested in establishing rules which would allow this fishery to occur statewide or in certain counties (specific request for Kent County). Fisheries Service will look into and follow up.

ASMFC Striped Bass 2015 Management

- ✓ Recommend Chesapeake Bay Commercial Option 1: 18” minimum size with a 20.5% quota reduction from 2012 harvest. TFAC expressed opposition to increasing the minimum size to 20”.
- ✓ Request from TFAC to receive the pre-season catch and release presentation provided to SFAC on 1/27/15.

Blue Crabs

- Request to have Bill Sieling’s request for eliminating the 5 ¼” minimum size limit and sponge crab importation rules be discussed by the TFAC Blue Crab Industry Advisory Committee and reported back to TFAC.

- ✓ = Action Item Completed
- =Postponed to Later Date