



Larry Hogan, Governor
Boyd K. Rutherford, Lt. Governor
Mark J. Belton, Secretary
Mark L. Hoffman, Acting Deputy Secretary

Meeting of the Tidal Fisheries Advisory Commission
October 15, 2015
C-1 Conference Room
DNR Tawes Office Building
580 Taylor Ave
Annapolis, MD 21403

Summary of Motions & Actions

Commissioners in Attendance: Chairman William (Billy) Rice, Bill Goldsborough, Gale Sindorf, Rachel Dean, Robert (Moochie) Gilmer, Bill Seiling, Aubrey Vincent, Charles Richard Manley, Mike Anderson (proxy for Richard Young), Ken Jeffries (proxy for Greg Jetton) .

Commissioner Absent and Not Represented: Lee Wilson, John Martin, Dale Dawson, Mike Benjamin.
(Robert T. Brown resigned)

DNR Staff Attending: Fisheries Director Dave Blazer, Paul Genovese, Sarah Widman, Jody Baxter, Nancy Butowski, Brenda Davis, Mike Luisi, George O'Donnell, Lynn Fegley, Gina Hunt, Lt. Art Windemuth, Angela Giuliano, Genine Lipkey and Dave Goshorn.

Members of the Public Attending: Jim Mullins, Robert T. Brown

Action Items:

- 2016 commission meeting dates approved.
- Commission will supply comment by October 30 on red drum FMP review.
- Commission will supply comment by October 30 on proposed modification to FMP review process. For review, here is link to the Fisheries Service FMP web site:
<http://dnr2.maryland.gov/fisheries/Pages/FMP.aspx>
- Hook & Line ITQ – commission agreed to move the discussion regarding complaints of charter boats running paid charters while participating in the commercial hook & line fishery to the striped bass workgroup.
- Department asked the commission to assist with informing pound netters who are not activating their nets prior to fishing and reporting.
- Commission requested that the Department meet with Pound Netters to discuss allocation options being developed by ASMFC for inclusion in Amendment 3 (Menhaden allocation).
- The Commission requested that the Department send notices to the watermen that have reported pound net harvest last license year but had not activated a pound net. Since this request, the subject was brought up at the Striped Bass Workgroup and there was a request to send a notice to all watermen with registered pound net sites. The Department is going to send both types of notices. Those with reported harvest will receive a letter specific to their harvest. Other registered pound net holders, will receive a postcard as their FINAL reminder of this regulation and requirement.

- Striped bass allocation – pro’s and con’s of various options to reach 100% quota capacity. Commission agreed to move the discussion to the striped bass workgroup.

Motions:

- None

Tentative Agenda Items for Next Meeting:

- None

Next Meeting Date: January 28, 2016

To be held in the Conference Room C-1 of the Tawes Building from 2:00-5:00 PM.