

Meeting of the Sport Fisheries Advisory Commission

July 19, 2022

Online and in-person at
Tawes State Office Building
C-1 Conference Room
580 Taylor Ave
Annapolis, MD 21401

(See below for connection information)

2:00 - 5:00 p.m.

* Preliminary

- 2:00 - 2:30 Administrative, Updates, and Announcements – Acting Chair David Sikorski and Acting Director, Michael Luisi, MD DNR
- ****Public Comment - Two minutes allowed per speaker**
 - Desired Outcome - Public's opportunity to speak to the commission
 - Roll call - David Sikorski
 - Desired Outcome - A quorum
 - Commission Officers Voting - Michael Luisi
 - Desired Outcome - Identify chair, vice-chair and TFAC liaison for next 12 months
 - Welcome Commission Members - David Sikorski
 - New Members: Irvin Mull, Glen Shultz, and Daniel Walsh
 - Reappointed Members: David Sikorski, Eddie Green, Roger Trageser, Eric Packard, David Sutherland, Scott Lenox and JP Andrick
 - April 12, 2022 Commission Meeting Summary Approval - David Sikorski
 - Desired Outcome - Commission vote
- 2:30 - 2:40 Natural Resource Police Activities and Upcoming Priorities - Cpt. Stacy Duke, MD NRP
- Desired Outcome - Inform and Q & A
- 2:40 - 2:55 Shellfish
- Amendment to the Oyster Management Plan - Jodi Baxter, MD DNR
 - Desired Outcome - Feedback on Amendment
- 2:55 - 3:25 Policy Program – Sarah Widman, MD DNR
- Regulatory, Penalty, and Scoping Updates
 - Desired Outcome - Feedback and inform constituents
 - Recreational Harvest Reporting Legislation
 - Desired Outcome - Update commission
- 3:25 - 4:15 Interjurisdictional Management - Michael Luisi and Lynn Fegley, MD DNR
- ASMFC / MAFMC Updates and Announcements
- 4:15 - 4:55 Reporting
- Fisheries Penalty Work Group - Jacob Holtz, MD DNR

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- Black Bass Advisory Committee – Roger Tragaser, Commissioner
- Coldwater Fisheries Advisory Committee - Jason Andrick, Commissioner
- Tidal and Coastal Recreational Fisheries Advisory Committee - David Sikorski and Scott Lenox, Commissioner

4:55 Adjourn

* Subject to change

** For topics on the agenda the chair will attempt to provide an opportunity for public comment during the time allotted for the topic. Additional public comment will be allowed at the designated time period, a maximum of two minutes per individual. Written comments may be emailed to paul.genovese@maryland.gov.

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Handouts

July 19, 2022 SFAC Agenda, Draft-Motions and Actions-04122022 SFAC Meeting, Scoping July 2022, Regulatory and Penalty Update July 2022, Updated Membership Contact Information, Recreational Blue Crab Regulations by Public Notice - June 28, 2022, MAFMC & ASMFC Press Release - Take First Step Toward Recreational Management Reform for Bluefish, Summer Flounder, Scup and Black Sea Bass, ASMFC Presents Annual Awards of Excellence for 2020 and 2021, ASMFC's Amendment 7 to the Interstate Fishery Management Plan for Atlantic Striped Bass, 2022 SFAC_TFAC Joint Penalty Workgroup Meeting Summary.

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Action Items

- Commissioners are asked to review the FY21 Budget Report and develop and submit questions to Paul Genovese. The department will review the comments and questions in preparation for a follow up during the July meeting.
- Will there be increased effort by the NRP to check anglers for the saltwater registration and/or a valid fishing license?
 - *Response: Officers should always ask anglers when they are first approached (by an officer).*
- In response to the high number of violations for fishing without a license, a commissioner recommends moving the 'get a license' from the bottom of trout stocking emails distributed by the department to the top.
- The Sport Fisheries Achievement Award panel (Dr. Ray Morgan, Eric Packard, and Jason Anderick) wish to thank John Neely for establishing the award.
- The Sport Fisheries Achievement Award panel recommends Jim Gracie (posthumously) and Captain Bruno Vasta as the 2022 recipients. The nominations can be found [attached to the meeting's calendar event](#).
- The commission and department recognizes former commission chair John Neely's contribution to the commission with a certificate of appreciation.

- The department will provide the commission with the ASMFC's final agenda, once it is available. The striped bass amendment 7 process should be completed during the May ASMFC meeting. Then, a stock assessment update should be completed and available during the October ASMFC meeting.
- Question for the Black Bass Advisory Committee (BAAC) - How are Alabama bass being moved into Virginia?
 - *Response: The committee does not know at this time.*
- The Coldwater Fisheries Advisory Committee (CFAC) elected Commissioner Jason Andrick as the chair and Randy Dwyer was elected as vice-chair.
- Per the motion below pertaining to the CFAC's recent letter to MDE - once the letter is reviewed by the commission, if there is no opposition (by SFAC), then the commission is considered in support of the committee's recommendation (letter) to the department.
 - *Followup - On April 27, 2022 the chair submitted a letter, reviewed by the commission, to the department endorsing the committee's recommendations to MDE and requesting the department work with MDE to ensure the recommendations are carried out (see letter below).*
- The Tidal and Coastal Recreational Fisheries Committee is meeting on ~~April 19, 2022~~. *Updated to June 23 due to scheduling conflicts.*
- The commission will vote on the chair, vice-chair, and liaison to the Tidal Fisheries Advisory Commission during its July meeting. Commissioners should be prepared to vote during the meeting.
- Public comment submitted to the commission by Phil Zalesak, please contact Paul Genovese to obtain the written comment.
- Acting Director Mike Luisi recommends moving the public comment period to the beginning of the commission meeting, similar to ASMFC's handling of public comment. Commissioner Packard is in favor of this change. The move would save the public from sitting through the entire meeting and also possibly give the commission an opportunity to address the comments during the appropriate portion of the meeting agenda.

Motions

- *Commission approves January 12, 2022 meeting summary.* Motion by Toby Frey, seconded by David M. Sutherland. Vote: Yea - Unanimous.
- *Commission accepts award panel's recommendations for the 2022 Sport Fisheries Achievement Award. Jim Gracie, posthumously and Captain Bruno Vasta.* Vote: Yea - Unanimous.
- *Request the department support the comments in the CFAC letter to MDE once the letter has been reviewed by the commission and department.* Motion by Jason Andrick, seconded by Toby Frey. Vote: none taken.
- *To adjourn the commission meeting.* By Roger Trageser, seconded by Eric Packard. Chair adjourned meeting.