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Meeting of the Tidal Fisheries Advisory Commission
October 26, 2017
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, Vice-Chair Robert (Moochie) Gilmer, Robert T. Brown, Phil Langley (SFAC liaison), Gale Sindorf, Rachel Dean, Ken Jeffries, Buddy Carson III, William (Bill) Scerbo, William (Troy) Wilkins, Aubrey Vincent, Charles (Richard) Manley, Steve Lay and J.D. Blackwell.

Commissioner Absent and Not Represented: None

DNR Staff Attending: Michael Luisi, Paul Genovese, Sarah Widman, Jacob Holtz, George O'Donnell, Sgt. Troy Brimer, Jodi Baxter, Lynn Fegley, Carrie Kennedy, Chris Judy, Bill Anderson, Kelly Collins-Choi.

Members of the Public Attending/Presenting: Rona Kobell, Richard Young, Howard King, Bruce Vogt, Blair Baltus.

Action Items:

- The commission accepted the Blue Crab Committees recommendation to postpone the issue of removing crew limits for CB6 and CB9 crab pot authorizations through changes to statute through the General Assembly.
- The commission accepted the Blue Crab Committees recommendation to postpone the topic of workday hours flexibility through regulatory change.
- Commission member asked the department to bring all over allocation issues to the commission before the department takes any action.

Motions:

- *Move to allow partial in-season temporary transfers of not less than 1000 pounds in the ITQ fishery.* Motion by Rachel Dean, seconded by Buddy Carson. Vote for: 9, against: 0, abstained: 5
- *Move that the Tidal Fisheries Advisory Commission support the report of the Striped Bass Industry Workgroup with the exception of the motion above regarding the poundage allowance for partial in-season transfers (1000 pounds).* Submitted by Robert T. Brown, seconded by Richard Manley. Vote for: 12, against: 0, abstained: 2
- *Motion to recommend to the department the spring 2018 bushel limits as recommended by the Blue Crab Committee.* Submitted by Moochie Gilmer, seconded by Gail Sindorf. Vote for: 14, against: 0, abstained: 0

- *Motion to not support sponge crab importation option 3B as recommended by Blue Crab Committee.* Submitted by Gail Sindorf, seconded by Russell Dize. Vote for: 13 against: 1 abstained: 0
- *Move to recommend to the department Option 2 (71 days): (Sliding Dates – 2 weeks on either side of the Status Quo of April 25 and July 5) as the preferred option regarding the importation of sponge crabs in Maryland.* Submitted by Troy Wilkins, seconded by Gail Sindorf. Vote for: 14, against: 0, abstained: 0
- *Move to remove Jacks Bay and Island Creek as Aquaculture Enterprise Zones and make them Public Shellfish Fishing Areas.* Submitted by Rachel Dean, seconded by Robert Brown. Vote for: 13, against: 0, abstained: 0
- *Move to recommend option A (status quo), regarding proposed Mallows Bay National Marine Sanctuary.* Submitted by Robert T. Brown, seconded by Rachel Dean. Vote for: 11, against: 0, abstained: 1

Supporting Material

1. Commercial Striped Bass Work Group Recommendations: (All consensus with 1 exception)
 - 350-pound minimum transfer (temp and perm).
 - If < 350 pounds...all remaining quota must be transferred
 - No change to the current 3,000-pound annual purchase cap (perm) - 9/1 vote
 - Temporary partial in-season transfers from Jan 1 – Dec 15.
 - Permanent partial in-season transfers as late as possible past Sept 15 (DNR decides)
 - Transferor is responsible if the recipient of temporary quota exceeds that quota and doesn't cover the overage amount with additional temporary transfers.
 - Note: Common Pool to Common Pool / ITQ to ITQ
 - * Motion for a 4% over-allocation of the 2018 Chesapeake Bay Quota – Unanimous
2. The spring 2018 mature female crab bushel limits as recommended by the Blue Crab Committee.

Recommended Option (Spring 2018):

Redistribution of the impact to the various license types

Month (s)	License			
	LCC	CB3	CB6	CB9
April 1 - May 31	2 (0)	6 (-2)	9 (-3)	13 (-2)
June	2 (0)	9 (-1)	13 (-1)	16 (-1)

3. Sponge Crab Importation Flexibility
 - a. Option 1: Status Quo (71 Days: April 25 – July 5)
 - b. Option 2: Sliding Dates (71 Days: April 1 – July 31)
 - c. Option 3: Increased Days / Fixed Dates (122 Days: April 1 – July 31)
 - d. Option 3B: Increased Days / Fixed Dates (122 Days: April 15 – Aug 15)
 - e. Option 4: Remove Sponge Crab Importation Restrictions

Next Meeting Date: January 25, 2017

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