



Larry Hogan, Governor
Boyd Rutherford, Lt. Governor
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TFAC Gear Workgroup Meeting

Tuesday, May 28, 2019

5:30 – 7:30 PM

Tawes State Office Building, Conference Room C-1
580 Taylor Avenue
Annapolis MD 21401

5:30 Introductions

5:40 Gill Nets – Use of Monofilament Gill Nets

SB 7 passed this past legislative session, giving the Department of Natural Resources the ability to allow through regulation the use of monofilament gill nets. The workgroup will discuss the parameters by which this gear should be allowed.

6:20 Fish Pots

Concern has been raised over potential non-target species interaction with fish pots, as well as differentiating legal from illegal gears. The workgroup will discuss potential ways to differentiate gears and mitigate non-target species interactions.

7:00 Pound Nets

A request has been made to consider decreasing the legal mesh size of pound net hedging from 3 inches to 2 inches. The workgroup will consider the request.

7:15 Fyke Nets

A request has been made to consider adding rules for fyke nets regarding the removal of poles after the net has been removed. This would standardize the pole rules for fyke nets and pound nets. The workgroup will consider the request.

7:30 Adjourn