

**Meeting of the Sport Fisheries Advisory Commission
July 19, 2022**

Summary of Actions and Motions

Commissioners in Attendance: Acting Chair David Sikorski, Steve Lay, Scott Lenox, Eric Packard, James Wommack, Dr. Ray Morgan, Beverly Fleming, Jason Andrick, Roger Trageser, Harry Nield (proxy for Phil Langley), David M. Sutherland, Dan Walsh, Glen Irvin, and Roger Krone.

Commissioners Absent and Not Represented: Eddie Green, Toby Frey.

Staff Participating: Michael Luisi, Lynn Fegley, Sarah Widman, Jacob Holtz, Cpt. Stacy Duke, and Paul Genovese.

Action Items:

- As of July 10 there is a zero retention limit of shortfin mako, both commercial and recreational fisheries.
- The department met with MDE representatives regarding the April letter from the chair to the department discussing MDE's 2019 water quality standards and requests made by the chair (see letter below). The department asked MDE to review the requests and offered time during a future commission meeting to present their findings/responses to the requests.
- Mike will be stepping back into his previous role soon, this will be his last meeting as Acting Director. Lynn Fegley will become the Acting Director of Fishing and Boating Services for a six month detail (until the new administration takes over).
- Commissioners are asked to provide feedback to the department on the draft Oyster Management Plan amendment by August 31. If you have feedback, please email comments to fisheriespubliccomment.dnr@maryland.gov. If you have any questions please contact Jodi Baxter at jodi.baxter@maryland.gov.
- Mike Luisi informed the commission on a Federal initiative called East Coast Climate Change Scenario Planning. The initiative is in response to climate change and its effects on marine fisheries, for those interested, visit the website at <https://www.mafmc.org/climate-change-scenario-planning>.
- Chair Sikorski recommends that commissioners, interested in additional dialogue regarding striped bass management, listen to the June Tidal and Coastal Recreational Fisheries Advisory Committee meeting. If you wish to listen to the meeting please contact Paul Genovese (paul.genovese@maryland.gov).
- Commissioner Wommack requested the department share with the commission and remind the charter fleet what the fines are that were implemented with the 50 spot daily limit.
 - *Response: The department distributed the spot fines via email to all commission members, fines are also located within the meeting handouts file found online.*
- The chair requests the department share with the commission any report available on Virginia's pilot commercial shrimp fishery. Additionally, the chair requested the department report out to the commission on all findings related to the state's own commercial shrimp pilot program slated to take place this fall/early winter.
- Commissioner Glenn Shultz volunteered to join the Penalty Workgroup.

- Commissioners are encouraged to listen in on future committee meetings (black bass, coldwater, and tidal and coastal recreational fisheries). If you have any questions or comments on the topics listed in handouts or mentioned during committee reports, please reach out to Paul Genovese or the commissioner chairing the committee of interest (Roger Trageser for black bass, JP Andrick for coldwater, and David Sikorski/Scott Lenox for tidal and coastal).
- The department requested comment from the commission on fisheries-related items it is currently scoping and proposing. Please review your handouts and send your comments to Paul Genovese, Sarah Widman (sarah.widman@maryland.gov), or Jacob Holtz (jacob.holtz@maryland.gov).

Motions:

- *Motion to name David Sikorski as Chairperson of the commission through the July 2023 meeting.* Motion by Roger Trageser, seconded by Roger Krone. Vote: Yea - Unanimous.
- *Motion to name Scott Lenox as Vice-Chairperson of the commission through the July 2023 meeting.* Motion by Eric Packard, seconded by David Sutherland. Vote: Yea - Unanimous.
- *Motion to name David Sutherland as commission's Liaison on the Tidal Fisheries Advisory Commission, to a two year term.* Motion by David Sikorski, seconded by Roger Trageser. Vote: Yea - Unanimous.
- *Commission approves April 12, 2022 meeting summary.* Motion by Eric Packard, seconded by David M. Sutherland. Vote: Yea - Unanimous.
- *Approval of agenda.* Motion by Eric Packard, seconded by Roger Krone. Vote: Yea by consent.

Next Meeting Date:

- October 11, 2022, 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.