



Larry Hogan, Governor
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Meeting of the Tidal Fisheries Advisory Commission

October 18, 2018

Department of Natural Resources
Tawes Office Building
C-1 Conference Room
580 Taylor Ave
Annapolis, MD 21403

Summary of Actions and Motions

Commissioners in Attendance: Chair Steve Lay, Vice-Chair Robert (Moochie) Gilmer, C. Richard Manley, Robert T. Brown, Gale Sindorf, Ken Jeffries, Leroy (Buddy) Carson III, Julianne (Gigi) St. John, Rachel Dean – proxy for J.D. Blackwell, Earl (Sonny) Gwin, David M. Sutherland (SFAC liaison), William (Bill) Scerbo, Robert (Bobby) Whaples – proxy for Thomas (Bubby) Powley.

Commissioners Absent and Not Represented: Aubrey Vincent, William Troy Wilkens, Russell Dize.

Department of Natural Resources Staff Attending: Dave Blazer, Michael Luisi, Sarah Widman, Sgt. Randy Bowman, Paul Genovese, George O'Donnell, Jodi Baxter, Jacob Holtz, Carrie Kennedy, Bill Anderson, Lynn Fegley, Savannah Lewis, Chris Judy.

Members of the Public Attending/Presenting: Ed O'Brien, Ward Slacum.

Action Items:

- Commission approves 2019 meeting dates and times.
 - Jan 24 - Tuesday 2-5 p.m.
 - Apr 18 – Tuesday 2-5 p.m.
 - Jul 25 – Tuesday 3-6 p.m.
 - Oct 24 – Tuesday 2-5 p.m.
- Department will distribute the Maryland Sportsmen's Foundation invitation to attend a forum on striped bass conservation measures. Forum is scheduled for November 14, 6 p.m. – 9 p.m. at Calvary United Methodist Church in Annapolis.
- Department will distribute the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council's Dec. 10-13 Annapolis meeting agenda. Department invited commissioners to attend.
- The spot/croaker subcommittee agreed to meet on a yet-to-be-determined date in November. Commissioners Buddy Carson and Moochie Gilmer, past commissioner Lee Wilson and to-be-determined fourth party (named by Moochie Gilmer) will join SFAC subcommittee members to discuss topic.
- Rachel Dean request the department send her an update on sunken vessel in Patuxent River. The vessel is under USCG jurisdiction.

- Robert T. Brown requested the department submit a bill to change 4-1210 to suspensions only (remove revocations language).

Motions:

- *Commission request the department extend the hook and line commercial striped bass season through December 31, 2018.* Motion by Rachel Dean, seconded by Buddy Carson. Motion carries. Vote for: 8, against: 3, abstained: 2
- *Commission request the department remove the current regulation which gives striped bass permit holders the ability to appeal to the Tidal Fisheries Advisory Commission if they fail to apply for their permit by the September 15 deadline.* Motion by Buddy Carson, seconded by Richard Manley. Motion carries. Vote for: 13, against: 0, abstained: 0

Next Meeting Date:

January 24, 2019 in conference room C-1 of the Tawes Building in Annapolis from 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
An optional educational / training session is tentatively scheduled for January 24, 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., also in room C-1.