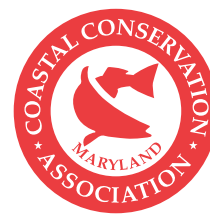




Saltwater Fisheries Management For The 21st Century



A symposium to address the challenges of changing times

Tuesday, October 3rd, 2006 -- 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm

Loews Annapolis Hotel, 126 West Street, Annapolis, MD 21401

You Should Participate

Through an exchange of ideas we strive to promote the evolution of new fisheries management strategies guiding Maryland's fisheries into the 21st Century. If you are a candidate for state office, news media, DNR personnel, commercial or recreational fisherman, or an interested citizen, you should join us at this free event and be involved in the process of change.

How Things Evolved

Decades ago commercial hunting and fishing were outlawed throughout Maryland with the exception of the saltwater fishery, which helped shape the state's development, particularly on the Eastern Shore. The early predecessor agencies of DNR were formed to address user conflict and to manage stocks for commercial fishing interests. With continual growth in population and development, people increasingly looked toward the Bay for recreational fishing and boating opportunities. This expanding growth has continued and created many new problems impacting the Bay and its resources.

Current State

The Bay's productivity is in an advanced downtrend. Many of our marine resources are in decline while Maryland's Fisheries Service is under-funded and under-manned. Commercial fishermen struggle with over-capitalization and shrinking profit margins, and the social and economic value of recreational fishing is not being fully recognized.

Future Directions

It has become obvious to anglers that the management of our marine resources remains rooted in the practices of the past. A better balance of priorities is needed to satisfy the growing recreational and environmental interests of our residents and to expand the Bay's economic benefits to the state. Join us to explore the issues and develop new approaches to fishery management. Together we can initiate a smooth transition of our marine resource management into the 21st century.

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9:00pm to 10:00pm

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**Speaker
 Program**

**7:00pm
 to
 9:00pm**

Invited Speakers

Governor Robert Ehrlich and Mayor Martin O'Malley

Moderator: Bruce Matthews, President, Recreational Boating and Fishing Foundation

Changing times in Maryland fisheries

Sherman Baynard, Chairman, Fisheries Committee, Coastal Conservation Association MD

Economics 101: Using economics for allocation decisions

Brad Gentner, Economist, National Marine Fisheries Service

State fisheries management: how did we get here, where are we going?

Steve Early, Assistant Director, Fisheries Service, Maryland Dept. of Natural Resources

The fisheries reform process-How it worked and didn't work in North Carolina

Dick Brame, Atlantic States Fisheries Director, Coastal Conservation Association

Affecting the process: Increasing angler influence on fisheries management

Russell Nelson, PhD, Fisheries Scientist, Nelson Resources Consulting, Inc

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