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Meeting of the Sport Fisheries Advisory Commission  
January 23, 2018  
Tawes State Office Building  
C-1 Conference Room  
Annapolis, MD 21401  
2-5 p.m.

Preliminary \*

- 2:00 - 2:10 Welcome, Announcements/Updates –Vice-Chair Phil Langley and Dave Blazer, MD DNR
- Welcome New Commissioners
  - Chairperson Election
  - Designate Liaison for Tidal Fisheries Advisory Commission
- 2:10 - 2:20 NRP Activity Report and Priorities through Current Quarter, Lt. Timothy Grove, MD DNR NRP
- 2:20 - 2:50 Freshwater Fisheries
- Report out from Jan. 9 Black Bass Subcommittee Meeting, Commissioner Roger Trageser
- 2:50 - 3:20 Work Group and Committee Reporting
- Cownose Ray Work Group – Nancy Butowski, MD DNR
  - Joint SFAC / TFAC Yellow Perch Work Group – Michael Luisi, MD DNR
- 3:20 - 4:00 Policy Program - Sarah Widman, MD DNR
- Regulatory, Penalty and Scoping Updates
  - Legislative Update
- 4:00 - 4:50 Fishing Management Updates - Michael Luisi and Lynn Fegley, MD DNR
- Susquehanna River Spring Striped Bass Fishery Boundary Options
  - ASMFC / MAFMC Highlights, Updates and Announcements
  - Yellow Perch FMP Amendment Approval
- 4:50 - 4:55 \*\*Public Comment
- 4:55 - 5:00 Closing Remarks – Vice-Chair Phil Langley and David Blazer
- 5:00 Adjourn
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\*The Preliminary agenda is subject to change

\*\*Public comment as time allows. Public observers will be allowed to address the commission at the designated time period on the agenda for each meeting. For topics on the agenda, the Chair will attempt to provide an opportunity for comment during the time allotted for the topic.

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## October Sport Fisheries Actions and Motions

### **Action Items:**

- ✓ Department agreed to send commission members all subcommittee schedules and agendas as they become available.
- ✓ Yellow Perch Workgroup will meet on Nov. 20 at 2 p.m. in the Tawes Office Complex

### **Motions:**

- ✓ *Move that with regard to the proposed National Marine Sanctuary at Mallows Bay, that the Sport Fisheries Advisory Commission endorse Plan B, the 18 square mile area of the Potomac River for preservation as a national marine sanctuary given that no restrictions be placed on commercial and recreational fishing.* Motion submitted by John Neely, seconded by Val Lynch. Vote For: 11, Against: 0, Abstained: 2
- ✓ *Commission will add "no hunting restrictions" to motion endorsing Plan B regarding proposed National Marine Sanctuary at Mallows Bay.* Motion submitted by Jim Gracie, seconded by David Sutherland. Vote For: 5, Against: 7, Abstained: 1
- ✓ *DNR will investigate the boundary of the northern most extent of the recreational catch and release spring striped bass area on the Susquehanna River. The department will create straight line options as possible alternatives to the current line as described in regulation.* Motion submitted by Jim Gracie, seconded by John Neely. Vote For: 13, Against: 0, Abstained: 0