



Maryland Saltwater Sportfishermen's Association

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Yellow Perch Management Meeting

(PASADENA, MD) - The Maryland Saltwater Sportfishermen's Association (MSSA) would like to inform you of an important Yellow Perch management meeting scheduled for Monday, July 28th from 7-9pm at the Tawes Building in Annapolis, MD. The purpose of this meeting is to develop specific goals and objectives for the recreational Yellow Perch fishery.

The MSSA has been the main source for protecting recreational fishing rights in the state of Maryland for many years and will continue to do so on Monday, July 28th. The MSSA would like to invite all of its members and Chapter Presidents to attend this meeting and support the recreational fishermen of Maryland.

The failures of previous Yellow Perch management are obvious and need to be resolved. The MSSA will work closely with the Maryland Department of Natural Resources and other stake holders to determine the best Yellow Perch FMP. Marylanders have stood by and watched their fishery given to a group that has no concept of sustainability. This is our time to change that and let the lawmakers know that the recreational fishermen are more involved and determined in restoring and sustaining Yellow Perch populations. Recreational fishing in the state of Maryland has and always will be a staple of economic value and prosperity.

Please join the MSSA on Monday, July 28th to change the out-dated and failing management plan for Yellow Perch. Please contact Rick Morin at the DNR if you wish to attend, rmorin@dnr.state.md.us or by phone at (410)-260-8272.

Sincerely,

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