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WATERMEN'S CAUCUS MEETS MONDAYS, 6:00-8:00 PM, HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING ROOM 318- RECENT TOPICS: AQUACULTURE, CRABBING START TIMES, AND OUT OF STATE LICENCE HOLDERS, A COPY OF THE MINUTES OF THE WATERMAN'S CAUCUS CAN BE FORWARDED TO ANYONE WISHING TO HAVE THEM—SEND AN EMAIL TO THE P.O. BOX. MAJOR FOCUS OF THE CAUCUS SO FAR IS THE GROWING NUMBER OF AQUACULTURE LEASES, THE DORCHESTER WATERMEN ARE HOPING FOR A MORATORIUM OR FREEZE ON THE GRANTING OF THESE LEASES UNTIL MORE EQUITABLE CRITERIA CAN BE ESTABLISHED-THE PRESENT AGENDA HAS GOTTEN OUT OF HAND.

NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING: MARCH 21, 2018 APPETIZERS 6:00-6:15-GUEST SPEAKERS 6:15-7:00, JONATHAN BONIFACE (COUNTY COUNCIL); STEUART PITTMAN(COUNTY EXECUTIVE); MIKE SHAY (STATE DELEGATE)

MARCH 21, 2018- 7:00 PM BUSINESS MEETING AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS—SLATE OF NOMINEES: PRESIDENT- BILL SCERBO; VICE PRESIDENT-MICK BLACKISTONE OR MIKE CASSIDY; SECRETARY-JULIA HOWES; TREASURER- EVELYN NEWMAN; EXECUTIVES AT LARGE-MARLA ABELL, JOE DUVALL, ROBERT HOWES, RYAN MOULD, MOSES WELLS (VOTE FOR THREE)

TO DATE, WE HAVE RECEIVED 4 EXCELLENT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS. WE STILL HAVE A MONTH TO GO AND HOPE WE CAN GET SEVERAL MORE BY THE END OF MARCH.

ON FEBRUARY 21 WE HAD AN EXCELLENT PRESENTATION ON ELECTRONIC REPORTING BY STEPHANIE RICHARDS. FOR MORE INFORMATION, SHE CAN BE REACHED AT 410-260-8314 OR VISIT dnr.maryland.gov/fisheries/Pages/e-reporting/index.aspx . THERE ARE SEVERAL TRAINING SESSIONS SCHEDULED THROUGHOUT THE SPRING.

THE WEBSITE IS STILL GROWING, MORE USEFUL LINKS HAVE BEEN ADDED. NEW BUSINESS CARD ADS ARE ON THE CLASSIFIED PAGE. PAID MEMBERS CAN ADVERTISE FOR FREE. SIMPLY SEND YOUR BUSINESS CARD TO THE P.O. BOX!

WE ARE COMPILING A LIST OF LOCAL LEGISLATORS AND CONTACT INFORMATION, HOPE TO INCLUDE IN NEXT MONTHS' NEWSLETTER.

JUST THINK—CRAB SEASON STARTS IN LESS THAN 3 WEEKS-HOPE IT WARMS UP!