Appendix III – Task Force Chronology

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DATE	DESCRIPTION
6-26-2007	Letter to Sen. John Astle from Senator Miller and Delegate Busch appointing him Chair of Boating Industry Task Force.
7-1-2007	SB-165 takes effect. Bill created Task Force to Study the Boating Industry in Maryland. SB-7 & HB-17 passed during 2008 regular Legislative Session and extended the effective date for Task Force for 2 years to June 30, 2009.
9-25-2007	Appointment letters sent by Governor O'Malley to Task Force members.
10-5-2007	Preliminary Task Force Report letter sent to Governor O'Malley, Senate President Mike Miller and House Speaker Michael Busch.
10-9-2007	First Task Force Meeting introducing members, Chair, etc. General overview of industry concerns. Next meeting scheduled for Oct. 29th.
10-17-2007	Meeting minutes prepared by DNR for 10-9-2007 Task Force Meeting. Oct. 29th meeting cancelled due to start of Special Legislative Session. Chair to schedule meeting after Special Session to establish Sub-Committee assignments.
1-4-2008	Task Force goals and objectives were identified. Three subcommittees were established by Chair to study marketing, industry expansion, and water access issues. Meeting minutes provided by DNR.
1-8-2008	Letter from Secretary Griffin to Sen. Astle (Task Force Chair) acknowledging receipt of preliminary Task Force Report.
1-10-2008	Water Access Sub-Committee Meeting. Meeting minutes prepared by DNR.
1-19-2008	Marketing Sub-Committee Meeting. Minutes prepared by DBED.
1-20-2008	Analysis of vessel excise tax by vessel length and price range for vessels registered in Maryland by state of residence from

	Maryland, Delaware, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and other states for year 2007.
1-22-2008	Marketing Sub-Committee Meeting. Meeting minutes prepared by DBED.
1-24-2008	DNR response to Debbie Gosselin (Water Access Sub-Committee) dated 1-18-2008 for boat registration/vessel excise tax data and number of registered boats by County. Meeting minutes distributed by Bob Gaudette for 1-10-2008 Water Access Sub-Committee meeting.
1-28-2008	Email from a marina owner outlining problems associated with renovating and/or developing a marina in Maryland.
1-29-2008	Expansion of Boating Industry Sub-Committee Meeting. Minutes prepared by MTAM.
1-30-2008	Water Access Sub-Committee Meeting. Email from B. Gaudette to Water Access Sub-Committee on information compiled by DNR Library for preserving maritime uses. Includes several articles on loss of property for marinas, and loss of marina slips to condo development nationwide, lack of public water access in A.A. County and on Potomac River. Also includes news stories, reports and conference proceedings, books, journal articles, and a Thesis pertaining to this topic. Meeting minutes prepared by DNR.
1-31-2008	At request of Water Access Sub-Committee, DNR compiled number of Maryland Boat Dealer Licenses issued from 1999 - 2008, dollar value of vessels titled annually from 1999 - 2007, and boat titles issued from 1999 - 2007 by price range of vessel.
2-13-2008	Minutes for 11-29-2008 Expansion of Boating Industry Sub-Committee meeting prepared by MTAM.
2-19-2008	Marketing Sub-Committee Meeting. Meeting minutes prepared by DBED. Bob Gaudette and MTAM met with Ren Serey, Executive Director of the Critical Areas Commission to review proposed new CAC legislation and its impact on the Boating Industry.
2-29-2008	Expansion of Boating Industry Sub-Committee Meeting
4-4-2008	Joint Sub-Committee Work Group Meeting. MDE (Rick Ayella) gave presentation on permit process related to marina development. Marketing Sub-Committee Status Report presented.

5-6-2008	Marketing Sub-Committee Meeting. Provided draft copy of Marketing Sub-Committee report to Chairman.
5-19-2008	State of Principal Use document prepared by DNR.
5-20-2008	Expansion of Boating Industry Sub-Committee Meeting. Provided draft Expansion Sub-Committee report to Chairman.
6-30-2008	Water Access Sub-Committee Meeting. Provided draft copy of Water Access Sub-Committee recommendations to Chairman.
8-28-2008	Letter to Chair from Task Force on Fish Management requesting increase in boat registration fees.
9-11-2008	DLS response to Sen. Astle regarding tax and registration enforcement policies for transient vessels in Florida, New Jersey, North Carolina, Rhode Island, and Virginia.
. 10-24-2008	Marketing Sub-Committee submits final report and recommendations to Task Force.
10-29-2008	DNR report on vessel excise tax (VET) collected by fiscal year, avenues used by DNR for collecting VET, sources for originating boat tax enforcement investigations by DNR, principal use determination in Maryland, tax exemption for repairs, comparability example for tax collection in nearby states, and VET enforcement flow chart. Tax collection expense/revenue figures provided by DNR related to tax enforcement. Email from a representative with the American Canoe Association (Paul Sanford) on reasons they oppose registering paddle boats. The official ACA stance on canoe and kayak registration can be found at http://www.americancanoe.org/stewardship/registration.lasso .
10-30-2008	Maryland COIN Report prepared by DNR for Title Year 2007 vessel excise tax (VET) revenue based on price range of vessel. Data used by DNR to determine impact of potential tax cap on VET revenue.
10-31-2008	Full Task Force Meeting to review recommendations for final report. Meeting included reviewing handout prepared by DNR based on Full Committee and Sub-Committee issues/recommendations. Next meeting scheduled for Dec. 11, 2008. Meeting minutes prepared by DNR.
12-11-2008	Final meeting for full Task Force to review final report.

Historic Data Obtained by Task Force

1-22-2007	Vessel Excise Tax Overview Report completed by DNR.
UNK	State boat registrations for 1997 -2006 prepared by National Marine Manufacturers Association (NMMA)
1-13-2006 to 1-18-2008	Boat counts by County for 2005-2007 prepared by DNR
2007	2006 Recreational Boating Statistical Abstract prepared by NMMA.
1-10-07	Summary of boating related legislation from 1997 - 2006
1997	Report to the Maryland General Assembly by Marine Industry Economic Development Task Force.