

Hearing of
Maryland Boat Act Advisory Committee

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The above-entitled matter came on for hearing on Wednesday, August 13, 2014, commencing at 10:00.m., at the Kent Island Yacht Club, Chester, Maryland, committee chairman, presiding.

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| Thornell T. Jones | Christopher Parlin |
| Robert Nickel | John Bush |
| Robert Lunsford | Ramona Trovata, Chair |

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Reported by: David Corbin

1 P R O C E E D I N G S

2 RAMONA TROVATO: Hi everybody. Welcome to
3 our annual summer meeting. We have an agenda
4 here to go over about safety, jet pack vessels,
5 some legislative and statewide issues. We're
6 going to have some discussion and new business
7 that I think will be interesting to all of us
8 about how we want to go forward with our
9 committee. But with that I just want to say I
10 hope you've all been having a fabulous summer
11 and I can't believe it's already August. It's
12 really flying by. So I thought I would follow
13 Coles lead, and he usually would ask each of
14 you to say hi and then some cool thing you've
15 been doing this summer. So we'll start with
16 Bob.

17 BOB NICKEL: Bob Nickel from Garrett
18 County up on Deep Creek Lake. Wow, I don't
19 have a lot of cool things because I've been
20 working 24/7 for the last 60 to 90 days.
21 Things are going fine up there. Talking a

1 little bit about the economy. Retail sales are
2 kind of flat up there. The other side of the
3 business, I heard you talking about repair, all
4 my other types of income, service. I can see
5 people using their boats on the lake is what
6 I'm saying. My gas is up, a lot of my rental
7 side is up considerably. It's the retail
8 that's kind of flat. That's kind of our
9 economy up there, the higher end kind of money.
10 Mid stuff just doesn't seem to be moving, high
11 end stuff is through the roof. All in all
12 things are good. You bring up the jet pack. I
13 saw my first one out on the lake the other
14 night. Not a jet pack, the ones that you strap
15 on to your feet.

16 BOB LUNSFORD: Fly board.

17 BOB NICKEL: Fly board. I was on my boat
18 and all of a sudden, whew, doing the porpoising
19 thing. I'm curious to see where that's going.
20 Rumor mill was, and she's not here, that he was
21 starting to rent to people. And that's -- I

1 know he's not a marina, I know some of the
2 qualifications you need up there. I'm curious
3 to see what the final regulations come out.
4 And we're toying it. I'm not going to roll on
5 any punches out there, they are going to take
6 away a lot of my rental boats if I decide to do
7 this, but I want to see Deep Creek's policy
8 review board stance on it before I do anything.
9 A lot of communication with you folks. Other
10 than that, pretty good summer.

11 COLES MARSH: Have they been approached
12 with that, the review board.

13 BOB NICKEL: The policy review board?
14 Myself, a couple other livery operators are
15 toying with it. I know how that review board
16 is run, it's a bunch of, not to be mean, old
17 cronies on the lake that think it's their like
18 and they want to dictate what's being done. I
19 guarantee you I'll have total aversion to it
20 because they don't like personal watercraft as
21 it is. So I'm going to try to play it out to

1 see who the first one is that tries to do it
2 and see what goes from there.

3 RAMONA TROVATO: John.

4 JOHN PEPE: John Pepe, marine surveyor.
5 Have to say what Bob said, it's been a busy
6 summer. Survey business is good, boats have
7 been selling. Not only in this area but up and
8 down the entire East Coast. Seeing a definite
9 uptick in the marina industry as far as the
10 boat sales end, and all the guys I talk to in
11 the service end are going just as hard as they
12 can. Speaks good for what we're all doing.

13 RAMONA TROVATO: Al.

14 AL SIMON: Al Simon, member at large.
15 Still keeping my fingers in the pot on
16 legislation, both state and federal.

17 RAMONA TROVATO: Thank you. John.

18 JOHN FERMAN: My name is John Ferman, I
19 live in Anne Arundel County, off the South
20 River by number six. I've been a sailor about
21 30 years. That's about it.

1 RAMONA TROVATO: Okay. Steve.

2 STEVE KLING: Steve cling, still a sailor.
3 Nothing particularly exciting. I did spend
4 probably three longest days on the water trying
5 to race and accomplishing nothing. That was
6 really exciting.

7 RAMONA TROVATO: Great days for
8 waterskiing.

9 STEVE KLING: I'm sure. Yes, everywhere I
10 was it was perfect. Yup.

11 RAMONA TROVATO: Coles.

12 COLES MARSH: Coles Marsh. We've had a
13 pretty good summer down on the beach, on the
14 Delaware beaches, down at Broadkill Beach. We
15 have had a lot of family and lot of friends.
16 And I'm still working on wind surfing, I'm not
17 giving up. I can tell you this, my lady will
18 be 74 next week, and last weekend Marty there
19 and his wife were over visiting us. And I tell
20 you, she's with it. She got on that board and
21 away she went. We got some pictures, we had

1 proof. But she is a trooper, she can get on it
2 and honestly does as good as I can on it. But
3 we're not ready for hurricane force winds yet.
4 Working in that direction. Been a great
5 summer, had a lot of fun. Eating a lot of
6 seafood and played on the beach lots this
7 summer. Been fun.

8 RAMONA TROVATO: So Reid and I got
9 stand-up paddle boards at Christmas time, which
10 we didn't know how much we were going to use.
11 Turns out we absolutely love them. Turns out
12 that the kids love them, all my nieces and
13 nephews love them more than we do. They are
14 down there all the time on the stand-up paddle
15 boards. I can't tell you how much they love
16 them. And it doesn't matter the age, little
17 kids up to old folks.

18 REID TROVATO: Up to me.

19 RAMONA TROVATO: Older folks. So we've
20 been enjoying the stand-up paddle boards and
21 we've been waterskiing and the regular things.

1 I have not spent nearly enough time on the
2 water this year because I've been out visiting
3 the ten top gas producing states talking about
4 hydraulic fractury, which is interesting in and
5 of itself but not nearly as much as fun as
6 being on the bay. That's my summer. Chris.

7 CHRIS PARLIN: Chris Parlin from
8 Centerville. Just finishing up a three week
9 vacation. Got to go shave this off on
10 Saturday, back to the fire department. Working
11 three jobs this summer, managing a 85-foot
12 yacht, running water taxis in Annapolis, and of
13 course still working at the fire department 11
14 more months. I got two kids getting ready to
15 go to college. Actually interestingly enough
16 one of our fire boats is across the creek here.
17 It's been pulled out back in the winter and
18 getting a major rehab. So it's close to being
19 done and delivered. My fire boat has been one
20 of the primary ones. Been running a few calls.
21 Nothing too crazy this year so far. Thank God.

1 AMY CRAIG: Amy Craig from upper Marlboro.
2 Let's see. This year my daughter has been
3 skiing with me more often and last weekend
4 she -- we had a handicapped shootout tournament
5 and she kicked my butt. My son is doing the
6 dreaded wake boarding when he's free from
7 baseball. My husband had knee surgery so he's
8 not skiing as much. But we've had a very nice
9 summer. Not as much time on the water as we
10 would like, but that's always the case. Last
11 weekend I went off the jump for the first time
12 in about 20 years. I survived. And I think
13 I'll do it again. That's all.

14 JOHN BUSH: John Bush. I live in
15 Annapolis. And the summer has been kind of
16 quiet. I had an operation on my left foot and
17 today is the first day I've been able to not
18 wear the boot. But I do understand I have a
19 candidate here who is wearing the boot and
20 knows all about it. And I wore it for over two
21 months. But I'm doing much better and I have

1 on a regular shoe close to it today for the
2 first time.

3 RAMONA TROVATO: Glad you're healing up.
4 That's a good thing.

5 CATHY SMITH: Cathy Smith, down in South
6 County, Southern Anne Arundel. And been
7 working a lot this summer up at the Port. Very
8 busy at the Port of Baltimore this year. Just
9 came back from sharing with the Maryland pilots
10 down in Cape Henry. And you know, everybody is
11 saying the same thing as John on the commercial
12 side, you know, we've got a lot of ships coming
13 to Baltimore. Yeah, it's been a very good
14 summer for me too because that means they hire
15 you to take pictures. And on the recreational
16 side, I shared with you last year that we
17 bought our Parker boat, 29-foot, to start
18 fishing, our new hobby. My husband needed a
19 hobby. And we decided we're going to have to
20 change our hobby from fishing to fish
21 preservation. We can go fishing anywhere, just

1 like Steve was sailing, we go anywhere in the
2 bay and there are zero fish. So if you see
3 Parker out there, you think "oh, those people
4 must know what they are doing, they have all
5 their rigs out", that means stay away. We're
6 not fishing, we're keeping the fish safe. Fish
7 conservation is a new hobby and we're going to
8 be on it.

9 RAMONA TROVATO: Robin.

10 ROBIN ALLISON: Robin Allison. I'm also
11 from South County. Actually Cathy and I are
12 neighbors. This summer has been a quiet start
13 to the summer. I had come home early to get a
14 new hip, which I've gotten, and obviously
15 functioning well.

16 RAMONA TROVATO: Yeah.

17 ROBIN ALLISON: And so that's been great.
18 Now. But I've been out sailing once in the 470
19 and kayaking. So with the new hip it's a
20 little tricky but it works. And then my
21 retired husband has been working his butt off

1 running tugs here and there. And we end up
2 going down to Chesapeake Beach for the
3 fireworks and watching the fire boat sink and
4 turn over.

5 JOHN BUSH: Heard about that. Wasn't
6 mine.

7 ROBIN ALLISON: So this was my big venture
8 this summer. Other than that it's not been as
9 adventurous as I would like but I'm planning
10 that for winter when I'm going to do this
11 winter what I planned on doing last winter and
12 the hip didn't want me. Head for the Bahamas
13 and spend the winter there.

14 RAMONA TROVATO: Thorney.

15 THORNELL JONES: Thornell Jones. Been
16 active in Coast Guard Auxiliary work getting
17 ready for Star Spangled 200. And teaching a
18 full load of classes this full. And I went
19 sailing in Maine the first time in a long time.
20 And actually sailed into Christmas Cove where I
21 learned how to sail years ago. Beautiful. I

1 was the navigator.

2 RAMONA TROVATO: John.

3 JOHN SHELLER: We've been really seven
4 days a week at Rock Hall Creek Marina down in
5 Herring Bay. Been a busy summer and good mild
6 summer for boaters. Nobody got burned out on
7 4th of July like the previous year. And now
8 we're taking boats out of the water because
9 they're getting fowled with lots of barnacles
10 and lots of spongy marine growth. I don't know
11 whether it's good marine growth or bad marine
12 growth, but it's growing about an inch or two
13 thick carpet on these boats. And had a few red
14 tides also this spring.

15 RAMONA TROVATO: Sound busy. Fred.

16 FRED LEVITAN: I've been involved in a
17 couple of projects this summer that I think you
18 folks might be interested in. One of them is
19 the Wounded Warriors Day on the Bay project.
20 And that's running out of North Point Yacht
21 Club this coming Saturday. We're taking 170

1 wounded warriors and their families out on a
2 boat ride. When they come back, we're then
3 giving them a crab and shrimp feast. We're
4 giving them back packs and T-shirts and hats
5 and all sorts of interesting things. And this
6 is the third year that we've done it. And it
7 continues to keep growing. And I think it's a
8 pretty nice project. We get donations to put
9 this whole thing on. And any money that is
10 left over is donated to the Wounded Warriors
11 Project. So all the money basically goes to
12 wounded warriors. The other project I've been
13 involved with is through the Veterans Yacht
14 Club. And this is a very interesting way to
15 raise money. There is a quilting society in
16 Florida that is donating laptop quilts to me.
17 They are in red, white and blue colors and they
18 are always a different design. And what we're
19 doing is we are letting people donate \$100 or
20 more for one of these quilts. They don't get
21 the quilt but they get their name embroidered

1 on the back of the quilt as a donor and the
2 quilt is given to a laptop veteran. And all
3 the money that we take in goes to veterans
4 projects. I'm pretty proud of both of these
5 things, and we're doing very well with them.

6 RAMONA TROVATO: Where are you doing them.

7 FRED LEVITAN: So if any of you would like
8 to donate and have your name put in the back of
9 a quilt and given to a wheelchaired veteran,
10 give me 100 bucks or more and we will get it
11 done for you.

12 RAMONA TROVATO: Where are you doing this,
13 Fred. Where?

14 FRED LEVITAN: The Wounded Warriors Day on
15 the Bay is going out of North Point Yacht Club.
16 And the Veterans Yacht Club, the quilt thing,
17 is what we've been doing is various yacht clubs
18 have different types of outings. Easton Yacht
19 Club had a fireworks on the 5th of July. And
20 we took in \$1,585 from having a raffle on
21 quilts and also getting quilts donated. Twelve

1 people donated 100 bucks plus for a quilt.

2 RAMONA TROVATO: That's very nice. Both
3 projects are amazing. It really is great.
4 Great. Bob.

5 BOB MCLEAN: I have been working 24/7 just
6 like a couple of other people. We've been
7 extremely busy. Everyone that I know in the
8 marine related business has been extremely
9 busy. Weather has been good. I have seen a
10 slight change in the marine activity in that
11 I'm seeing a lot more paddle boards and a lot
12 more kayaks than I used to. Fair amount of
13 medium and smaller boats. Bigger boats and
14 go-fast have basically gone away. Much too
15 prohibitive to operate. Also I can relate, and
16 I've been in touch with Mike a couple times, I
17 have been approached a while ago about having a
18 jet pack operation at my place. And I know how
19 it works, I've seen them. And to make a very
20 long story short, I discourage them from coming
21 to where we are. I thought it would be very

1 dangerous and quite a side show for people in
2 automobiles and boats and it would be very
3 distracting and could cause a lot of accidents.
4 Anyway, we've been busy. Look forward to
5 tomorrow and the next day.

6 RAMONA TROVATO: Sounds good. Russ.

7 RUSS DWYER: Russ Dwyer, St. Michaels.
8 Spent the summer trying to stay out of trouble.
9 That hasn't gone so well.

10 RAMONA TROVATO: Is that it, Russ.

11 RUSS DWYER: That's it.

12 RAMONA TROVATO: Okay. Bob.

13 BOB LUNSFORD: In Russ's great tradition.
14 I'm Bob Lunsford, Southern Anne Arundel County.
15 And due to Mike's excellent regulation work,
16 there hasn't been any place for me to take my
17 trailered boats and go look at this summer.
18 Haven't gone any place new all summer. Keep
19 going back to the same old places. And like
20 many other members of the committee, I am the
21 great fish conservationist.

1 RAMONA TROVATO: Debbie.

2 DEBBIE HENNINGER: Sorry I'm late, guys.

3 Mine was a little hectic. A good friend of

4 mine, she has an inground swimming pool

5 probably about 25 feet from her house. With

6 the storms yesterday, her swimming pool went

7 into her family room. So I had to take her a

8 dehumidifier because she didn't have one. I

9 told her to run some fans. That wasn't a good

10 thing yesterday. With me, my real estate has

11 been really busy. I'm trying to niche on

12 waterfront homes mostly. And Annapolis has

13 been pretty good. I am running a music

14 festival this Sunday, pretty much by myself, my

15 committee members kind of bailed. It's for the

16 neonatal unit at Franklin Square Med-Star. So

17 far I have like I think about 500 tickets sold,

18 that's about it. I was hoping for more. It's

19 in Middle River on the water from 12:00 to

20 5:00 on Sunday. It's just \$10 a person to get

21 in and then you buy your food and bring there.

1 50/50 Raffles. Marine Max is helping me. They
2 are our main sponsor. So they are going to
3 help me out. Otherwise -- and the other big
4 problem we had in Middle River, I don't know if
5 you guys have had, we had a lot of DNR, a lot
6 of Coast Guard giving out tickets. So that's
7 been a main, main problem up there and we and
8 the marine tree that I'm also on have addressed
9 that issue with them. And there is a couple
10 things I hope that are going to be different
11 but the waterfront owners don't even want to go
12 out on their boats. They're scared of being
13 arrested and their idea is, well, you won't be
14 arrested if you don't drink or you're not DUI.
15 So it is what it is. So I'm hoping that we get
16 that resolved soon. Because that's really
17 putting a damper on people going out in the
18 water in Middle River right now. They said
19 we're like the highest in Maryland.

20 BOB NICKEL: I'm sure we're not far
21 beyond.

1 DEBBIE HENNINGER: They really are
2 terrible. They like sit in between piers and
3 they are radioing down and telling their other
4 persons to like pull the person over. So it's
5 really bad.

6 FRED LEVITAN: The yacht clubs in the
7 Baltimore area are up in arms about so many
8 people being stopped without reason. They are
9 furious. But they don't know what to do to
10 stop it.

11 DEBBIE HENNINGER: There has been like 187
12 tickets just in the past month given out. And
13 they boarded I don't know how many, we have the
14 statistics and stuff. But it's crazy. The
15 other thing of big concern I gave to Mike too
16 is the algae eating, whatever the disease is in
17 the Chesapeake Bay right now.

18 RUSS DWYER: Vibrio.

19 DEBBIE HENNINGER: That's kind of crazy
20 too. People are scared about that too.

21 RUSS DWYER: That's the only other thing I

1 was going to tell you. I spent most of summer
2 trying to keep from getting Vibrio. It's
3 V-I-B-R-I-O. It's a gulf born bacteria. And
4 they are not sure where it's coming from,
5 whether it's coming up here with the shells
6 that they are bringing and putting in the
7 Choptank bay right now.

8 DEBBIE HENNINGER: One guy lost his leg.

9 RUSS DWYER: Two of my friends have it
10 right now.

11 DEBBIE HENNINGER: If you've got open
12 wounds, it's going right in there.

13 JOHN PEPE: It's more prevalent this year
14 than it's been in any years past.

15 RUSS DWYER: The only two places it is, my
16 understanding, is Chesapeake Bay and the Gulf.

17 DEBBIE HENNINGER: And then there was some
18 new stuff that just came down from the marine
19 tree, I don't know if you got it, about the
20 Susquehanna scandal. I don't know if you guys
21 read that, but you may want to take a reading

1 on that.

2 MIKE GRANT: Concerning.

3 DEBBIE HENNINGER: The Susquehanna River
4 and all its junk coming down. Because we're
5 trying to stop all that stuff too. But you
6 might just want to take a look at that.

7 RAMONA TROVATO: Okay. So Mike, you want
8 to say hi.

9 MIKE GRANT: High. Mike grant, DNR. I
10 have been boating once this summer since we
11 sold our boat last year. And other than that,
12 we've been working diligently on our home and
13 playing with our new grandson in the pool. And
14 now our children have moved in with us because
15 we watched the kids for four days while they
16 were in New York at a wedding. And upon
17 returning to their home, their toilet tank had
18 cracked and flooded their house for three days.
19 So they are now with us for about three months.
20 Which is fine, because they are self sufficient
21 and they are buying a lot of stuff. So it's

1 all good. There is a finite.

2 RAMONA TROVATO: Do you want to go next.

3 We'll get each of the visitors to say hi.

4 AL SIMON: One question on Levitan. I
5 didn't get --

6 RAMONA TROVATO: His Wounded Warriors
7 project.

8 AL SIMON: Yes, who the check is made out
9 to.

10 FRED LEVITAN: Veterans Yacht Club
11 Association.

12 AL SIMON: Catch me, I got one here for
13 \$100 for you.

14 FRED LEVITAN: Thank you, Al.

15 RAMONA TROVATO: I was just going to ask
16 the folks sitting around the room to say their
17 name and say hi to all of us. So if we can
18 start with you.

19 ANN WILLIAMS: Ann Williams. Hi.

20 REID ELLIS: Reid Ellis. I'm Ramona's
21 other half. And I've been informed that when

1 you get past three boats the term is not
2 Captain any more but she should be called
3 Commodore.

4 RAMONA TROVATO: They are all little.

5 ROBIN ALLISON: Commodorable.

6 LOUIS WRIGHT: Louis Wright, hydrographic
7 operations.

8 MARK TALTY: Mark Talty, Assistant
9 Attorney General with the Department of Natural
10 Resources.

11 RACHEL EISENHAUER: Rachel Eisenhauer,
12 Assistant Attorney General with the Department
13 of Natural Resources.

14 MAJORIE BUSH: Marjorie Bush, retired.

15 TANK SHELLER: Tank Sheller.

16 MARTY MINOR: Marty Minor. I sit on the
17 beach a lot with Coles.

18 JEANNINE MOANEY: Jeannine Moaney. Boat
19 Act.

20 DAN JARZYNSKI: Dan Jarzynski.

21 SHARON GROSS: Sharon Gross, DNR Boating

1 Services.

2 DONNA MORROW: Donna Marrow, DNR Boating
3 Services.

4 RAMONA TROVATO: Would you like to
5 introduce yourself.

6 DAVE CORBIN: Dave Corbin, court reporter.

7 RAMONA TROVATO: I would like to welcome
8 everybody to the meeting. Thank you all for
9 sharing what's been happening with you and the
10 water during the summertime. And I'll hand it
11 over to Mike to take us into the review of the
12 regulatory requests.

13 MIKE GRANT: Thank you. Slight adjustment
14 to the schedule. Julie is on her way, so I can
15 either go into that or save that until she gets
16 here and do it all at once. Is that all right
17 with everybody. Potomac River Safety. Nothing
18 has happened. NRP has been quiet about the
19 whole thing. They were -- we've asked them to
20 come up with some recommendations for handling
21 the permit process, which you may or may not

1 recall was an issue based on the way COMAR was
2 written, that either we or Natural Park Service
3 would issue the permit. Nobody can make a
4 decision. Since it's an NRP request, we're
5 asking them and they kind of put hands up. Our
6 director has said that we are not, as boating
7 services is going to handle it, we do not have
8 the expertise to decide who is capable of using
9 that river for whatever they are going to use
10 it for. It's just not our bailiwick. That's
11 where that's sitting right now. I have no
12 reports from the river except for very brief
13 e-mail that said they had one missing person
14 and a number of callouts. I asked for some
15 updated reports for the whole bay for the
16 summer, were promised them, and they didn't get
17 them into me by today. So they will be
18 forthcoming and hopefully by the end of the
19 season we'll have a complete report and
20 something shiny like we had last year that we
21 passed out in the spring that had the 2013

1 report. Let's hope for that. Any questions on
2 that.

3 BOB LUNSFORD: Mike, there was a kayaker
4 that got separated from his boat. They found
5 the boat. That was one of the callouts. The
6 guy saw his boat on the news the next night and
7 called in. He had walked home to Bethesda or
8 Carterock, and didn't know that everybody was
9 looking for him until the next day. So there
10 was one that I thought was a fatal but it
11 turned out to be I can't get to my boat, it's
12 too hard to swim that far. I guess he went to
13 some property yard and picked it up.

14 MIKE GRANT: So let's move on to 2015.
15 There we go. This is Sandy Point State Park.
16 This is coming through at the request of the
17 park itself. This came through about a month
18 or so ago. Of course it was mid season so we
19 couldn't do anything about it but we did study
20 on it. This is currently a regulated zone.
21 There are regulations on the books for this.

1 The rest of this is not. But NRP is patrolling
2 it as if it is. They are stopping people and
3 asking them to stay out of these areas. And
4 the park would like to make this area during
5 the season prohibited, leave this open, because
6 this is a soft launch for canoes and kayaks,
7 and then go up here and make this prohibited
8 during the boating season. I told them we
9 would look at it at this meeting. Possibly
10 it's something that may not need a lot of study
11 and maybe start it this fall and get going.

12 JOHN PEPE: Mike, how far is that
13 offshore, about 500 feet.

14 MIKE GRANT: I don't remember. Do you
15 remember, Louis.

16 LOUIS WRIGHT: The swim beach itself on
17 the main beach only goes about maybe 150,
18 200 feet. And then it's -- I think it's like
19 200, 300 feet out to that outer line. It's
20 already marked as a swim area, buoy line. And
21 if you go across the bridge, it lines up with

1 the end of the jetty and look down, you can see
2 the buoys lined up. And it's been marked that
3 way practically since I've been here. So for
4 the last 40 years it's been the accepted line.

5 MIKE GRANT: But it's not enforceable.

6 LOUIS WRIGHT: I mean it's marked as a
7 swim area with boat exclusion buoys. If you
8 understand the state waterway marking system,
9 you should stay out, but there is no regulation
10 that really gives it any teeth.

11 MIKE GRANT: So the park would like to
12 firm it up. And Steve was supposed to be here,
13 the superintendent, and he had his numbers
14 crossed as well. Any comments on this.

15 RAMONA TROVATO: Where is the windsurfing
16 beach.

17 MIKE GRANT: Well, the soft launch area
18 here.

19 RAMONA TROVATO: Where do they windsurf
20 now.

21 MIKE GRANT: They could windsurf

1 anywhere --

2 RAMONA TROVATO: Outside the line.

3 MIKE GRANT: Yeah.

4 BOB NICKEL: Why are they wanting it if it
5 hasn't been regulated.

6 MIKE GRANT: They want to keep boats out
7 of here. Even though the swim area is way in
8 here, they have people cutting out and cutting
9 in and zipping across this line here
10 specifically.

11 BOB NICKEL: The NRP can't issue
12 citations.

13 MIKE GRANT: No, they can stop you but
14 they can't really legally do it. This is from
15 here to here is the quote, unquote, fishing
16 area. That's become an issue because boats
17 cutting across here are cutting into the
18 fishing area. But I don't think there is a
19 regulation for a fishing area. Doesn't exist.
20 You could do a prohibitive beach area, like
21 Venice Beach up in Western Shore, but that's

1 pretty much what they are looking for I think.

2 Just prohibitive during the boating season.

3 CHRIS PARLIN: All boats, power boats.

4 MIKE GRANT: Yes, boats.

5 CHRIS PARLIN: Canoes, kayaks.

6 MIKE GRANT: My understanding is they want

7 to keep all of it out. All boats, vessels.

8 Yes.

9 ROBIN ALLISON: If that's a kayak and
10 paddle board launch area, how do they keep the
11 boats out.

12 MIKE GRANT: They can go out here and stay
13 out here.

14 LOUIS WRIGHT: There is already a marked
15 channel coming off the soft launch area.

16 MIKE GRANT: Buoys here and here.

17 ANN WILLIAMS: The rocks also go almost
18 the whole length. So you clear the rock
19 jetties and then you can openly use your boats
20 any way you want. The channel marking is a
21 little bit wider than our channel and it's

1 clearly marked right now trying to keep people
2 a little bit more space than the navigational
3 channel for that soft launch area.

4 MIKE GRANT: I wish he were here for you
5 to get more information. And also there is
6 clam lines that run in and out depending on the
7 season. This whole area out in here. And it
8 could be in this close or out that far. Boats
9 have to come out and cut between the two of
10 them to go out. But they are taking a
11 shortcut. They're also getting a lot of jet
12 skis coming down from the Magothy and coming in
13 here, to avoid the park charge. They come in
14 by jet ski and then they go to the beach, don't
15 have to pay to get into the park.

16 RAMONA TROVATO: Any further discussion on
17 this one. Okay.

18 MIKE GRANT: Want to wait for her to come
19 in formally. Very good. These next items are
20 potential for next year. This one came in in
21 the spring with a request. This is Ocean City,

1 Route 50 bridge, around 9th street right here.
2 Harbor Island. It's a fuel pier right there
3 and a nice little cove in there. There is the
4 main channel going up, and then the alternate
5 channel going up the western side. The folks
6 in here at this little waterfront condominium
7 complex complained that they were getting
8 slammed by vessels coming off plane right in
9 front of their place to go to the fuel dock or
10 into Harbor Island, or people are cutting
11 across here to go into the fuel dock. They
12 wanted to shut this whole area down to six
13 knots or less. And I said well, tell you what,
14 why don't we try putting a couple watch your
15 wake buoys at 7th Street, slow them down going
16 in. They said that's fine, because they
17 already have mammoth, is it humpty, the big
18 ones, right about here that says watch your
19 wake. And there is a six knot buoy right in
20 there. So what we've done is right around 7th
21 Street we popped these two in going this way.

1 They have six knot buoys and the humpty is
2 right about in here.

3 BOB LUNSFORD: Where is the six knot zone.

4 MIKE GRANT: This is a six knot zone right
5 there. And it goes from here all the way up.
6 The next slide is coming up. This is the issue
7 they have on some busy days. There is your six
8 knot buoy right there. These guys are all
9 going into Harbor Island or the fuel pier. And
10 this doesn't happen all the time but this is an
11 egregious thing.

12 JOHN PEPE: That's actually last years
13 tournament I think.

14 MIKE GRANT: Were you there. So you're
15 one of the culprits.

16 JOHN PEPE: No, I was on shore. But
17 that's what it looks like.

18 MIKE GRANT: Of course these are the
19 condos right along here.

20 JOHN PEPE: That area they are talking
21 about is really not that big. You're talking

1 about two blocks.

2 MIKE GRANT: Yeah, that's just about
3 right. Next one. This is right in front of
4 their house. Choppy day on top of that. You
5 can't quite see the other humpty. It will come
6 up with the next one here. And there is
7 floating and there is the watch your wake buoy
8 right here. And they are actually fishing in
9 here and the channel is actually out here a
10 little bit further. So they want to be able to
11 do this and hang out and the kids do their
12 thing here, so they don't want the boats coming
13 by too fast.

14 BOB NICKEL: Any accidents or incidents.

15 MIKE GRANT: No, no reports of any
16 accidents, at least from the NRP or the
17 citizens. We replaced the buoys in the spring.
18 Either one naturally ran off station or
19 somebody stole it, but we replaced it, and I
20 haven't heard back. So as far as I know
21 everything is all right. There's Route 50.

1 This is the watch your wake buoys we put in.
2 There is the all time buoy you saw earlier.
3 Everything from the hashmark is six knot all
4 time. One recommendation would be to draw a
5 line here and bring everything out so it's six
6 knot all the time. In speaking to the NRP
7 Corporal down in that neck of the woods, he
8 said don't do that, people will freak out, it
9 will add too much time to get out to the bay
10 anyway, get out to the ocean. So there is a
11 potential to maybe just do this if they have
12 issues, just bring this area out a little
13 further, right around 7th street and
14 incorporate it here. It's a thought. Again,
15 this has not come through officially for next
16 year. It has a potential to.

17 BOB NICKEL: It's the whole condo
18 association.

19 MIKE GRANT: Dozen or so condominiums
20 around here, just got petitions from everybody.
21 Any questions.

1 STEVE KLING: I think this will require an
2 overnight stay.

3 BOB LUNSFORD: Weekend, 4th of July.

4 MIKE GRANT: All right. Next one. This
5 is Soloman's Island neck of the woods down here
6 and Mill Creek and Leason Cove. One of the few
7 places on the bay, I think there's only two
8 that have a limited six knot, or restricted six
9 knot.

10 BOB LUNSFORD: 17-foot and under.

11 MIKE GRANT: 17-foot and over it's six
12 knot all time here and here. And here it's six
13 knot all time. This is evidently before jet
14 skis. Jet skis are having a ball in there.
15 These people are freaking out. It's to the
16 point it's getting so crowded even kids are
17 coming through with kayaks and going under
18 people's piers. I saw that's an NRP issue. As
19 are the PWC issues. There isn't a lot of room
20 here. If they're zipping by your piers, et
21 cetera, you got to call NRP. I gave them the

1 888 number and the local office number.

2 Haven't heard back from them. I suspect we'll
3 probably get something about that.

4 BOB NICKEL: What are they trying to
5 prohibit it.

6 MIKE GRANT: They would like to make it
7 six knots period and force everybody out here.

8 RAMONA TROVATO: Bob, how did we get to
9 six knot at 17 feet or greater.

10 BOB LUNSFORD: That started about a
11 bazillion years ago before I started at
12 Soloman's in the 70's. The idea was that the
13 smaller boats, the kids could get out and you
14 could still waterski behind the smaller boats,
15 but the larger boats and work boats would have
16 to slow down so they weren't rolling big wakes
17 in on shore. And some of you may remember five
18 or six years ago we had an individual come in
19 and petition to change 17 to 19 feet because he
20 couldn't find a 17-foot boat he liked.

21 RAMONA TROVATO: Right.

1 BOB LUNSFORD: And the committee
2 recommended that we not adopt that. I haven't
3 been down there on a weekend in ages because I
4 avoid being out on the weekends, because I can.
5 But, yeah, that's an area that has had a lot of
6 development, there is a lot of new houses in
7 there. And a lot of people that are new to
8 boating that may not understand what their
9 impacts are, or if they do understand they
10 don't seem to care or they may not care. So it
11 would be an interesting place to go down and
12 look at. Because the last time I was there, it
13 was kind of crowded, what I saw was violations
14 of regulations that were already in place for
15 mainly the 100-foot rule of jet skis, and I'm
16 not one to suggest we promulgate regulations to
17 address an issue that's already being
18 addressed. So we would have to take a look at
19 it maybe.

20 MIKE GRANT: That has been the issue in
21 90 percent of the calls I've received from the

1 spring this year. Explain to me your problem,
2 explain to me what it is, what are they doing.
3 That's already a regulation, call NRP. I
4 called them. Keep calling. They will relocate
5 assets if you call them enough. Just have to
6 do it. And take the next step up and write
7 letters. If there is a regulation there, it's
8 enforceable, so please take that step. Again,
9 potential for next year. This is Salisbury,
10 Maryland and the Upper Wicomico River. This
11 the Wicomico River and yacht club right in
12 here. And they are having issues with speeders
13 and wakes, et cetera. So they are going to
14 request something, I guess from about here to
15 up here, make it six knot at all times.

16 BOB NICKEL: Any homes or anything in and
17 around there it's going to effect.

18 MIKE GRANT: No, not really. You got some
19 pretty long piers here but they're getting
20 rocked pretty hard. In fact this actually came
21 in as a petition mid summer. I said

1 unfortunately you're a little late. Again,
2 call NRP if there are issues right now, if they
3 are acting recklessly or coming close to the
4 docks, start with that. Resubmit in the spring
5 and we will address it. Yes.

6 ROBIN ALLISON: Only comment on I got on
7 restricting the speeds there is that's a very
8 active tugging area and you're going to be
9 complicating the speed on tugboats.

10 MIKE GRANT: There is a big business up
11 here.

12 ROBIN ALLISON: Huge. Having pushed them
13 out that river a lot.

14 MIKE GRANT: Again, possibly 2015. Here's
15 something that's probably familiar.

16 Galesville. Currently six knots Saturday,
17 Sunday and holidays in this area. Everything
18 else is not. Especially in here. The
19 gentleman lives in this neck of the woods wants
20 it six knot all the time all the way in here.
21 And he sent a very thick package. Evidently

1 they tried this years ago and were knocked down
2 but he's going to try again. This is a
3 probable request for next year.

4 STEVE KLING: What we've seen is at least
5 two requests to push the upper line further out
6 the river.

7 MIKE GRANT: Out here.

8 STEVE KLING: We said no to that.

9 MIKE GRANT: Well, he's complaining in
10 this neck of the woods during the week with the
11 fuel pumps and pumpouts at the yacht club there
12 are issues. And this isn't a very definitive
13 line, it goes from here to a point here and
14 into a chain linked fence somewhere over here.

15 RAMONA TROVATO: When was the last
16 petition in this area, do you recall.

17 MIKE GRANT: I believe --

18 STEVE KLING: I don't think we've had one
19 for the existing area. The two --

20 BOB LUNSFORD: The first boating
21 administration, I did one, or we did one, that

1 was originated by the yacht club right where
2 that -- there is a chain linked fence. And the
3 gist of it was is that the guys were on their
4 boats getting rocked by mainly work boats
5 coming from the lower right-hand side going out
6 to go crabbing or fishing or whatever. And it
7 was -- it was -- and at that point we addressed
8 it with a caution, watch your wake, and some
9 community stuff and the work boats slowed down
10 a little bit and the guy quit spilling coffee
11 in his lap.

12 MIKE GRANT: South Creek.

13 STEVE KLING: The last two we had was from
14 the sailing club, which is over.

15 MIKE GRANT: Over here.

16 STEVE KLING: That's Pirates Cove where
17 you were. The sailing club is just up the
18 creek from that, right there. Right there.
19 And they were trying to push that line out.

20 MIKE GRANT: So they could sail in here?
21 They were getting rocked?

1 STEVE KLING: There was no good reason for
2 it.

3 MIKE GRANT: Thank you, counselor.

4 RAMONA TROVATO: Who called you about
5 this.

6 MIKE GRANT: The name is -- I don't have
7 it here. Which happens a lot when I get calls,
8 they don't give me their name.

9 RAMONA TROVATO: If it comes in formally
10 then we will look.

11 CATHY SMITH: Now that I can orient myself
12 to this image, they want it protected over on
13 the Chalk Point side, towards the bottom of
14 the --

15 MIKE GRANT: Down here. No, they want
16 this area which is currently six Saturday,
17 Sunday, holiday and this area to be the same at
18 six all the time.

19 BOB LUNSFORD: So you draw a line from
20 Chalk Point east and west, come down Chalk
21 Point and you would come back towards you and

1 that would remain open in there by Archie.

2 Come on the other side of Chalk Point.

3 MIKE GRANT: Here. She is not talking
4 about anything in here, just in here. He lives
5 in here somewhere.

6 JOHN PEPE: That's six knots all the way
7 on the Harkey side all the way up here.

8 MIKE GRANT: Through here and here.

9 JOHN PEPE: All the way to the top of the
10 river.

11 MIKE GRANT: Okay. I don't have a picture
12 of this one, but Severn River. A complaint
13 from a gentleman, number 13, which is all the
14 way at the top of the Severn River, just before
15 you go into the narrows. He likes to get in
16 the water and wash the side of his boat and the
17 wake boarders are waking his boat. He's
18 evidently talked to former Secretary Griffin
19 and former Director Gaudette about this. We
20 don't know when. We don't even have his name.
21 And he wants to take it from 200 yards to much

1 further away from the shore to actually
2 recreate. Mark, our director, said he's talked
3 to him twice, and I got some information from
4 Ramona. She has not witnessed anything.
5 Again, it's an NRP issue if people are coming
6 to close. He refuses to make a call to NRP, he
7 wants something done but won't do anything
8 about it. But that may come up to the radar.
9 More news later.

10 RAMONA TROVATO: I've seen NRP up there a
11 lot this summer. We just saw them the other
12 day, they were out when the wake boarders were
13 out on Sunday. And the wake boarders do what
14 they do. I haven't seen them coming too close
15 to shore. I would like to shoot their radios,
16 but -- their stereos, but other than that, I
17 haven't seen any problems. But they do throw
18 wakes.

19 JOHN PEPE: Is this on the south end of
20 the narrows.

21 MIKE GRANT: As you're coming up to it,

1 it's number 13, before you break into the speed
2 zone, as you're looking at what's his name
3 house, he's on the left-hand side.

4 REID ELLIS: Is that in the wide open
5 section?

6 MIKE GRANT: It's in the wide open
7 section, right in the middle of the river.

8 BOB LUNSFORD: Seems like we've done it
9 before.

10 MIKE GRANT: I just take the calls. And
11 the last one before we go to Ms. Julie is
12 Caledon Natural Area down in the Potomac. They
13 are requesting they change the name to
14 Natural -- Caledon State Park. That's it.

15 BOB LUNSFORD: I make a motion since
16 that's an administrative change that we just go
17 with it.

18 AL SIMON: I second.

19 CHRIS PARLIN: What was the request.

20 MIKE GRANT: Change it from Caledon
21 Natural Area to Caledon State Park. Because

1 it's now a state park.

2 BOB LUNSFORD: I think we get rid of that
3 one now, guys.

4 MIKE GRANT: The background was they
5 wanted to change it from its existing to
6 prohibitive to -- during a certain season to
7 all time. I spoke at length with Bob about
8 that, and he said they already have that in the
9 red. They have permission to restrict people
10 as written in the reg any time, anywhere they
11 want. So we went back and said you don't have
12 to do all this, but we said we will change the
13 name and they said that's fine.

14 RAMONA TROVATO: So we had a motion and a
15 second. Shall we --

16 JOHN SHELLER: This is the Government,
17 there must be an administrative cost to changing
18 the name.

19 MIKE GRANT: I'm working up the bill now,
20 in my head.

21 STEVE KLING: We're changing the name in

1 the regulation, the existing regulation, that's
2 all we're doing.

3 MIKE GRANT: Yes.

4 BOB LUNSFORD: They were a natural area
5 and Virginia has now declared them a state
6 park, and they want to be noted as a state park
7 in the Maryland reg.

8 STEVE KLING: We're just conforming the
9 language of the regulation to the reality of
10 the site.

11 BOB LUNSFORD: I hope so. That's the
12 intent.

13 STEVE KLING: That's the assumption.

14 RAMONA TROVATO: And Virginia has already
15 made the change.

16 BOB LUNSFORD: Yeah.

17 RAMONA TROVATO: Okay. So any other
18 discussion before we see a show of hands.
19 Okay. Anybody opposed. Okay. Carry
20 unanimously.

21 MIKE GRANT: Marvelous. Jet pack. Julie,

1 would like you to come up, we can tag team
2 this. The bottom line is -- step back up here.
3 The emergency regulation for jet pack went into
4 effect on June 27th. The end of the emergency
5 period is December 23rd. During that time it's
6 still open for comment. But we were informed
7 recently that we can actually start the formal
8 regulation as early as September 12th, right,
9 Jeannine, and it would become final on
10 December 22nd. That's barring any comments or
11 push back from anybody. But during that time
12 period there is still a comment period. So
13 public can still comment.

14 BOB LUNSFORD: Before the committee is
15 asked to make a recommendation to the
16 secretary, can we get any feedback. Maybe
17 Julie, you can provide it.

18 JULIE BROWN: Yup. Good morning. Hope
19 everybody is doing good. Thanks for letting me
20 chat with you all about the jet pack
21 regulation. Thankfully there hasn't been a lot

1 of boom in regards to the jet packs. So there
2 hasn't been any real involvement in terms of
3 accidents or injuries that we've had in Ocean
4 City or anything. Truthfully there really
5 hasn't been any involvement with the NRP with
6 the jet pack boats because they are kind of
7 staying under the radar, or trying should I
8 say. But they have been spotted doing things
9 that are against the regulations we
10 established. I just handed out to you guys a
11 copy of some of the regulations that we put
12 into place for the livery operations. So if
13 you see here, the jet pack, I don't know if it
14 has come around, the jet pack vessel
15 regulations we made a poster. And these are
16 all in draft. So if you guys see something you
17 want to change, we can certainly do that. And
18 we've also made a livery operators test which
19 mirrors the personal watercraft regulations
20 test. And then the jet pack vessel livery
21 operators boating safety agreement which will

1 exempt them from the boating law, which is born
2 after July 1 of '72 have to take a boating
3 safety course. But as of right now there
4 really isn't a lot of action going on with them
5 thankfully. It's mainly those that are renting
6 them down in Ocean City. We have a jetlev
7 operator, jetelevator operator, and a fly board
8 operator. And technically according to the
9 United States Coast Guard, they have to be a
10 registered captain if they are going to rent
11 the craft. So it is considered a vessel and
12 they must have a six pack license in order to
13 rent them. So if anybody has any questions,
14 Bob, did you have issues.

15 BOB LUNSFORD: No, I was just wondering if
16 they had any feedback to the committee of
17 things after having these things in place for
18 part of a season, if they had any feedback back
19 to the stuff they needed to tweak.

20 JULIE BROWN: They really haven't said
21 much to me at all. I think they are trying to

1 stay under the radar. But we do know that a
2 lot of them have not been following the current
3 regulations and have been approached by the
4 Natural Resources Police several times. So
5 it's a matter of them coming to me and saying
6 something, which they haven't done as of yet.
7 Whether or not they like certain things that we
8 established in the regulations or not, so.

9 JOHN PEPE: What rules are they violating.

10 JULIE BROWN: Right now it's the water
11 depth. So they are trying to find that 6-foot
12 of water to be in. And they have a tendency to
13 get there, but then when they operate, they are
14 within 100-foot of something. So the location
15 up north, they are operating right out front of
16 Harpoon Hannahs. And Ann spotted them flying
17 way within 100-foot of the restaurant. Those
18 are some of the violations. Unfortunately we
19 don't have enough manpower to really get up
20 there and find out when and where they are
21 doing it. But those are some of the issues

1 right now.

2 ANN WILLIAMS: Captain Vernon with Natural
3 Resources Police does have some modifications
4 to the regulation. So before you move with it,
5 make sure you catch up with him. He said one
6 of the problems is we say they have to stay out
7 of a channel. They can't find a channel, he
8 said, and in the coastal bays what isn't a
9 channel. And do we mean just marked channels
10 and all. So he wants that clarified some. And
11 I do believe that he would like to see them
12 more like the jet skis, an approved area versus
13 go where you want. So for rental purposes
14 only, not for if you own it yourself, but to
15 have more like you do with jet skis, you can
16 only run the Jetlev in these areas, so that
17 would eliminate the 100-foot issue, that would
18 eliminate the 6-foot amount of water. He's
19 working on that but he would like to talk with
20 you to present that before you move with the
21 new language.

1 MIKE GRANT: I thought they insisted that
2 they only work within a certain area.

3 JULIE BROWN: Yeah, I know. We'll revisit
4 with them. And I took these to Chip for him to
5 look over them.

6 MIKE GRANT: Good.

7 JULIE BROWN: So he does have a copy. If
8 anybody has any questions on these, just let me
9 know. They are in draft form so they can
10 tweaked and changed. As of right now the folks
11 that had them and are renting them haven't said
12 they had any issues with the fact that we've
13 established these regulations and therefore I'm
14 not sure, Mike, if you're planning on having a
15 hearing or not.

16 MIKE GRANT: Well, the emergency states a
17 hearing if necessary or something to that
18 verbiage.

19 BOB LUNSFORD: And if requested.

20 MIKE GRANT: If requested. We can do it
21 internally and bring them back in. But unless

1 we hear something from the public, I don't
2 believe we have to.

3 BOB LUNSFORD: All of this information
4 that we've been presented, Julie, applies to
5 livery operations.

6 JULIE BROWN: Yes, this applies to livery.
7 And we're going to tweak it.

8 BOB LUNSFORD: Can we get look at what
9 applies to a private individual who may own one
10 of these devices. Are there regulations that
11 govern their actions at all.

12 JULIE BROWN: We're going to tweak these
13 to make them fit for the general public.

14 MIKE GRANT: They are already there. They
15 are already -- they are in COMAR, they are
16 online.

17 JULIE BROWN: These are just an example of
18 the posters and things that we're going to make
19 for the liveries.

20 RAMONA TROVATO: Bob, did you have
21 something?

1 BOB NICKEL: No. I just think if you're
2 saying if they are tweaking with regulating
3 where you can use them, you're opening pandoras
4 box because then you're inhibiting business per
5 se. That's like my lake, it's 6-foot deep
6 everywhere. Now I can see someone on the
7 policy review board up there making
8 regulations --

9 MIKE GRANT: They are saying in this
10 football size field area, this is the only
11 place you can do this. That's all they are
12 saying.

13 JULIE BROWN: I was wondering if you had
14 some experience.

15 BOB NICKEL: I just saw my first one the
16 other night.

17 JULIE BROWN: You did up on the lake, a
18 personal owner?

19 BOB NICKEL: Yeah. And I've heard some
20 rumor mills that that person is --

21 JULIE BROWN: Looking to rent.

1 BOB NICKEL: Renting to people
2 individually. I'll let you handle that how you
3 want and keep your eyes out. I won't be
4 wrong --

5 DEBBIE HENNINGER: They just bought theirs
6 in Rehobeth. And I was trying to tell them --
7 and on Groupon they give you a 40 percent
8 discount.

9 JULIE BROWN: On Groupon. My God.

10 BOB NICKEL: Every livery operator up
11 there is probably taking a look at it. Like
12 management -- I'm waiting to see what lake
13 management, the policy review board is going to
14 say.

15 JULIE BROWN: They are going to make the
16 decision I think before we do.

17 ANN WILLIAMS: Mike, if I could clarify.
18 The reason that Chip had a concern is that
19 currently in our regulations we say a rental
20 can not be in a channel, and the officers are
21 arguing with the persons that are doing it

1 saying you're in a channel, you're not, and
2 that's what the problem is. So to clarify
3 where channels are, either we have to draw all
4 the channels and say "you can't jetlev in here"
5 or we make an area similar to what you did with
6 the jet skis and say "you can only run" -- it
7 will be a big area, a big football field, but
8 the area will be all six knots, it will be a
9 big area that they can find. And that way if
10 you're finding this little nuch of 6-foot
11 behind an island 90 feet from a pier, the
12 officers aren't going to have to go out and say
13 "you're 90-foot from a pier. Yeah, you're
14 6-foot of water but you're also where the boats
15 are most traversing." That's what Chip says
16 they are having the most problem right now.
17 The person has found a little nuch of 6-foot
18 but it does happen to be where the boats like
19 to go. It's not a marked channel, but behind
20 that back island it is the most used channel.
21 So the officers and the user are arguing over

1 what the word channel means. To clarify that,
2 they are going to say, okay, this is where you
3 can play now. And that's what Chip was talking
4 about.

5 COLES MARSH: Say 6-foot low tide, or
6 6-foot. I might be there now and three hours
7 from now you come by it's high tide. When you
8 checked me -- that's up --

9 MIKE GRANT: You're operating in less than
10 6 feet of water.

11 JULIE BROWN: Doesn't matter what time, if
12 you're in less than six feet of water.

13 MIKE GRANT: And one other thing. I
14 received a voice mail from the director of
15 boating and recreation in Pennsylvania, and she
16 sent me a long list of questions. They are
17 trying to outlaw it altogether. They don't
18 want any of these vessels on their Commonwealth
19 waters. So I explained to them how we did it,
20 et cetera. But she never called me back. She
21 sent me about 14 questions all related to our

1 regulations. They want to 86 them altogether.

2 COLES MARSH: If you're restricted to a
3 given area as big as a football field and you
4 got three of these people, one with a jet pack,
5 jetlev, all want to operate in that area.

6 MIKE GRANT: If they are 100 feet apart.

7 JULIE BROWN: That's why I say it's got to
8 be a big area.

9 ANN WILLIAMS: It's bigger than a football
10 field. What I'm saying is have a boundary.

11 COLES MARSH: Oh, a whole boundary.

12 JULIE BROWN: Kind of a like a personal
13 watercraft play ground.

14 RAMONA TROVATO: What's the timeframe for
15 this.

16 JULIE BROWN: What is it.

17 MIKE GRANT: December 23rd is the end of
18 the emergency. And we can start processing as
19 early as September and have it become effective
20 on December 22nd and implement it immediately.

21 RAMONA TROVATO: So how do you want to get

1 input from people. When is -- when is our fall
2 meeting.

3 MIKE GRANT: We haven't set it yet. Since
4 there won't be anything to review except for
5 that, we can set it October if you want, end of
6 September.

7 RAMONA TROVATO: Okay.

8 MIKE GRANT: Any time you want. This is
9 the first I've heard that Captain Vernon had
10 any issues with it, so we have to get with him
11 and get the comments ironed out and review that
12 with you. But we can still start the process.

13 RAMONA TROVATO: That sounds good.

14 JOHN PEPE: How is this rule -- how are
15 these rules going to dovetail with private
16 owners. Are we going to try to limit them to a
17 water depth also.

18 JULIE BROWN: They are also going to have
19 the water depth of 6-foot, they have the
20 100-foot distance. They are just not going to
21 have the requirement of the rescue safety

1 vessel, what was the other one.

2 MIKE GRANT: Orange flag.

3 JULIE BROWN: The orange flag. The
4 general public have to have an orange flag as
5 well.

6 ANN WILLIAMS: I think they have to have a
7 rescue vessel. I think they have to have
8 everything except stay out of the channel. The
9 Coast Guard license.

10 JULIE BROWN: Right, the Coast Guard
11 license.

12 ANN WILLIAMS: Just a handful of things
13 that are different in the livery operation for
14 jet pack.

15 MIKE GRANT: But Joe Citizen can't operate
16 in the channel.

17 ANN WILLIAMS: Sure he can.

18 MIKE GRANT: Well, he can't leave the
19 water.

20 ANN WILLIAMS: You just need to read the
21 regulation as posted I would suggest.

1 MIKE GRANT: That -- they are dangerous.
2 I mean you don't have 100 feet to start with so
3 they can't operate in the channel.

4 ANN WILLIAMS: The reason, if you go back
5 to why, was when the jet pack guy with the
6 little vacuum cleaner said that currently he
7 would get in his little device, go under the
8 bridge, go out the channel and come out the
9 coast with his little flag that says rent me
10 now, which are all channels and which are all
11 marked. So what we required was a jet pack
12 operator must keep his feet in the water when
13 in a speed zone but not in a channel, only in a
14 speed zone, and that he can fly and do his
15 thing as long as he's acting like a vessel.
16 And the channel restriction is only in the
17 rental portion. And the reason I know that is
18 because I had to look it up for Chip when Chip
19 said that the officer is having this confusion,
20 he said where is it, is it in the owners
21 regulation or in the rental. And it's only in

1 the rentals where we limited no channel
2 activity.

3 RAMONA TROVATO: So is that one also
4 emergency, Mike?

5 MIKE GRANT: Yeah, the whole thing.

6 ANN WILLIAMS: All three were emergency.

7 RAMONA TROVATO: So that would be an
8 action item I think for the next meeting. All
9 of us ought to read both sets of regs and
10 whatever material is important and provide the
11 feedback we can early enough to get the reg in
12 place by the 22nd.

13 JOHN PEPE: Where can you find it.

14 MIKE GRANT: COMAR.

15 JOHN PEPE: Can you e-mail out a link.

16 ANN WILLIAMS: There is three regulations
17 you want to look at.

18 JOHN BUSH: I have one question for you.
19 Has this been distributed already.

20 JULIE BROWN: It's draft form. So if you
21 see issues with it that you feel need to be

1 changed --

2 JOHN BUSH: On the second line there is a
3 typo.

4 JULIE BROWN: Of which one.

5 JOHN BUSH: Where it says on -- one or
6 after. It should be on. Right here.

7 JULIE BROWN: This one.

8 CHRIS PARLIN: Jet pack vessel.

9 JULIE BROWN: Second line.

10 JOHN BUSH: You may want to correct that.

11 MIKE GRANT: The web address is
12 www.DNR.state.MD.us, forward slash, boating,
13 forward slash, regulations. And in the upper
14 right-hand corner you'll see a white box titled
15 BAAC links. And about two-thirds of the way
16 down, existing regulations, click on that. And
17 scroll down to 08.18.40, jet packs, and click
18 on that and it will give you everything. 1840.

19 ROBIN ALLISON: At the bottom of the page.

20 ANN WILLIAMS: If you Google jet pack it
21 comes up.

1 MIKE GRANT: There you go.

2 RAMONA TROVATO: All right. So we will
3 take that as an action item for next meeting.

4 CHRIS PARLIN: I would like to see since
5 the livery operations have been running all
6 summer, Julie, if you get feedback from them,
7 find out how it's been working for them and
8 again we will get with Chip Vernon and find out
9 what he would like to see in there.

10 ANN WILLIAMS: Officially only one has
11 been running all summer. One got his U.S.
12 Coast Guard license, the other two are not
13 running as livery operations because they don't
14 have their Coast Guard license, they have only
15 been taking their friends up.

16 JULIE BROWN: The officers that have
17 stopped the -- well, the one gentleman running
18 the jetlev, which has a pod and back pack, he's
19 been approached several times by the NRP and he
20 tells me, "I'm just flying my friends." They
21 have also been approached by -- the Coast Guard

1 boat approached them once and said you need a
2 captains license, and they too told the Coast
3 Guard that we're not renting, we're flying our
4 friends. So...

5 ANN WILLIAMS: But at this point neither
6 of those two operations could be legally
7 running a livery operation, neither one of them
8 has got their Coast Guard license, only the
9 jetevator. The one that rides like a bike. He
10 knew it was coming and applied for his Coast
11 Guard license last year.

12 RAMONA TROVATO: Thanks, Julie. Thanks.

13 BOB NICKEL: What about for like say Deep
14 Creek Lake, are you going to need a Coast Guard
15 license?

16 JULIE BROWN: If you're renting. Anybody
17 with a jet pack vessel who is going to rent it,
18 wherever they rent it.

19 BOB NICKEL: It's inland, I just didn't --

20 JULIE BROWN: See, that's not our
21 requirement.

1 ANN WILLIAMS: But if you are friending,
2 you don't have to.

3 STEVE KLING: Coast Guard presence.

4 ANN WILLIAMS: Are you looking into it,
5 Bob.

6 BOB NICKEL: Darn right. It's revenue. I
7 don't think I'm going to do it, but...

8 JOHN PEPE: That 700-pound shark they
9 caught at 90th Street Bridge has kind of
10 limited the jetlev market too. About
11 650 pounds.

12 BOB LUNSFORD: I don't remember.

13 ROBIN ALLISON: Mike, question. Deep
14 Creek Lake, because it's not coastal waters, is
15 it Coast Guard regulations apply to Deep Creek
16 Lake also.

17 MIKE GRANT: I believe it is. I don't
18 know otherwise.

19 BOB LUNSFORD: Always been a debate.
20 Sometimes the Coast Guard has told me yes and
21 sometimes they told me no.

1 RAMONA TROVATO: Maybe if we can find that
2 out for the next meeting as well. Do your
3 best. I think Bob would want to know.

4 BOB NICKEL: I would like to know.

5 RAMONA TROVATO: John.

6 JOHN PEPE: They require Coast Guard
7 licenses for livery and tour operations on Lake
8 George and all the lakes in New York. You have
9 to have a license.

10 AL SIMON: There has been discussion
11 before this board for I don't know how many
12 years, Bob, maybe you can answer, some
13 legislation made that that belongs to
14 Pennsylvania Electric Company.

15 BOB LUNSFORD: It's been sold to the
16 state. But we've been through it with the
17 Coast Guard.

18 AL SIMON: So it's privately owned.

19 BOB LUNSFORD: State owned. State park.

20 MIKE GRANT: It was sold to the State of
21 Maryland. The waterways.

1 BOB LUNSFORD: The buffer zone too. My
2 understanding when I left boating was that
3 there was some waters in Western Maryland that
4 were under Coast Guard jurisdiction, mainly the
5 nontidal Potomac, because in the history of
6 commerce, when the Coast Guard was under
7 Commerce Department, it included all waters
8 that formed the boundary between two
9 jurisdictions. So since Potomac River, the
10 north branch is the boundary between Maryland
11 and West Virginia, Jennings Randolph required a
12 Captain's license. That was pretty clear the
13 guys I talked to years ago. They weren't so
14 clear on other lakes like Deep Creek because it
15 didn't form the boundary as to whether or not
16 you needed a Coast Guard license. And I was
17 doing it from a bass guide, fishing guide
18 perspective. And I never did get a real clear
19 answer on how Deep Creek was treated, but they
20 were pretty sure that they could enforce on the
21 Potomac, north Potomac and Jennings Randolph.

1 BOB NICKEL: I'm curious, because I know
2 lake management, we do a family fishing tour
3 from one location, we have a pontoon boat that
4 takes families out, and we have to get CPR
5 certified and everything. But I don't believe
6 they required us to get a Coast Guard license.
7 If you find out, I'd be curious.

8 RAMONA TROVATO: Mike, see if you can find
9 out.

10 MIKE GRANT: Yes, ma'am.

11 RAMONA TROVATO: So what's next, NRP
12 reports.

13 MIKE GRANT: Nope.

14 RAMONA TROVATO: Nope. Anything else.
15 Nope. Are we on to new business.

16 MIKE GRANT: Unfortunately, Director
17 O'Malley had to go to Crisfield today, could
18 not be with us, so we don't have a legislative
19 report. If there is anything relevant, I'll
20 make sure that gets to you in the mail.

21 RAMONA TROVATO: Okay. Old business. Any

1 old business, folks. Any new business. Steve.

2 STEVE KLING: Well, we have over eight or
3 ten years a couple of times had conversations
4 about gee, we've been pumping out regulations
5 these many years, do they all make sense. In a
6 couple of cases we've taken away regulations of
7 our own initiative. We tried in one case on
8 our initiative and failed, too much resistance,
9 and a couple at the request of the public.

10 What we talked about was did it make sense to
11 have on some level a systematic review of all
12 the stuff that's out there to see what makes
13 the most sense any more, where the names are
14 inappropriate, what might be taken off the
15 books, what might be adjusted. And so a couple
16 of us were having a conversation, because we
17 don't have a huge agenda for the fall, maybe
18 this would be a good time to start and looking
19 at all of the regulations at once. We're also
20 concerned about Louis having full employment
21 going forward.

1 MIKE GRANT: He's not smiling.

2 STEVE KLING: The rumor is that the
3 Fisheries is going to back off and he'll have
4 more free time.

5 LOUIS WRIGHT: That will happen soon.

6 STEVE KLING: Thought maybe take the fall,
7 two different ways. One is to work through NRP
8 to have them request of their guys in the field
9 what's out there that doesn't make sense. It's
10 not working, it's too much regulation and we
11 should look at it. On the one hand. On the
12 other hand, identify, start with a body of
13 water, a river system. And we had some
14 discussion as to what would make sense, and
15 come back at a meeting in the fall and look at
16 all the regulations on that river system or
17 that body of the bay, state waters, and say
18 what makes sense, should we tweak things, are
19 there things that could come off the books. So
20 that was the thought since we have a break in
21 the action, maybe we could deregulate.

1 CHRIS PARLIN: I had a thought after we
2 talked about this. One of the approaches could
3 be NRP divides their areas, they have certain
4 areas that cover certain geographic parts of
5 the bay. And if we decided on like a river
6 system or a geographic area, maybe we make it
7 coincide with their area so we can bring in the
8 area commander along with going through all the
9 regs and have them -- let them know, hey, in
10 November we're going to be looking at your
11 area. And everything that -- all the regs that
12 are within your area. That gives them a chance
13 to go back and look at their area, figure out
14 what doesn't work, have them come in and while
15 we go through it say does it make sense, have
16 them there also.

17 STEVE KLING: That would be one approach.
18 Do you know how many areas they have, Mike,
19 five or six.

20 MIKE GRANT: Eight.

21 RAMONA TROVATO: Six.

1 MIKE GRANT: May I ask, this would mean --
2 this is a normal regulatory process. If we
3 decide to make a change, we have to go through
4 public hearing and the whole 9 yards?

5 CHRIS PARLIN: I believe we would, but
6 maybe we can identify select areas where we
7 could say this doesn't apply any more, let's
8 put it into next years process so you could
9 mark the area, let the residents know, hey,
10 we're coming in, we're looking at this, give
11 them a chance to give us feedback. But at
12 least we can kind of go through and try to pick
13 out some of the stuff that doesn't fit any
14 more.

15 RAMONA TROVATO: Bob.

16 BOB LUNSFORD: As an example, on the
17 Severn River there is a little creek with a
18 minimum wake zone called Place Creek I believe.
19 The last time I went by Place Creek it was a
20 marsh. It may not be necessary to regulate
21 that as a minimum wake zone. And I'm sure

1 there are other examples, but that's one that
2 last time I went up the river I actually kind
3 of -- my boat only draws eight inches and I
4 couldn't get in. And it looked like a cattail
5 field.

6 CHRIS PARLIN: If we took this approach,
7 if they have six areas, that would give us, if
8 we said one area a year, it would lay out a
9 plan that over the next six years the entire
10 State of Maryland is going to be looked at.

11 STEVE KLING: I look to Bob for maybe
12 directions where to start.

13 LOUIS WRIGHT: You may be able to join
14 several areas together, because out west
15 there's not a ton of stuff, like around
16 Annapolis. But there are other areas where
17 it's considerably sparse. Maybe able to wind
18 up shortening a year.

19 CHRIS PARLIN: Good point. Their areas
20 are land based.

21 RAMONA TROVATO: We can ask Louis to help

1 us out.

2 CHRIS PARLIN: They got a map or something
3 that shows where the boundaries are.

4 RAMONA TROVATO: Any other conversation
5 here at the table. Do any of our visitors have
6 any thoughts on that.

7 LOUIS WRIGHT: One thing you might want to
8 think about coming up with a rubric, what
9 you're reviewing and what you will review. In
10 the regulations you have now, you've got areas
11 that are similar that have different speed
12 zones. Now there may be a valid reason why
13 they are different, but there's some things
14 that you look at them and go, okay, why is this
15 area like this, they have speed limit A, and
16 there's another area, exact same kind of
17 traffic, same kind of condition, have a totally
18 different speed limit. And it kind of sets you
19 up for the public to say "they got this, how
20 come we can't have that." If you review it, it
21 will also give you a set of guidelines you

1 check the box, you have six of these, three of
2 those, two of them and it should be this. And
3 may help you when you actually evaluate
4 people's request to come up with some sort of,
5 you know, hopefully fair type of situation.
6 There is always going to be something may come
7 in there and say no, we really should have a --
8 this is different because, but at least it
9 gives you a starting point to work from.

10 RAMONA TROVATO: So a set of criteria and
11 guidelines. Kind of like what Steve put
12 together for us when we were evaluating
13 petitions already.

14 LOUIS WRIGHT: Yeah, we got -- there is
15 some places where like, for example, Sandy
16 Point Park and the pond, that's a minimum wake
17 zone. You haven't been requested, but there
18 are lots of marinas and places around the state
19 that have the same situation for whatever
20 reason that may not have requested a speed
21 zone. But if they did, you could say that's

1 like Sandy Point, you would be this. And it
2 may be you look at Sandy Point and say it's
3 really, because of the traffic it's probably
4 got a minimum wake zone designation. But I
5 mean I've heard, that particular one, it's
6 environmental. Well, there is also traffic
7 things where we want people going slow too.
8 But there's also situations like around fuel
9 docks or pumpouts. You want to have those
10 areas, some special consideration or not
11 because of the hazardous material that's being
12 transferred. I mean that's kind of up to you
13 guys to decide. But it's something a lot of
14 times I'm not sure whether it's been looked at.
15 Things like that that, what kinds of things are
16 important to making a decision about an area.
17 Could be traffic, could be what kind of
18 activities go on there. There are all kinds of
19 things that you could make up a list and say,
20 okay, this is important because and go from
21 there.

1 ANN WILLIAMS: One of the other things you
2 might consider, like Bob said, he suggested
3 putting watch your wake around an area instead
4 of speed zone extensions. Putting some of them
5 in paper form request. Because when we were
6 under the massive buoy reduction act, there was
7 no paperwork as to why we have 300 watch your
8 wakes, so they were up for grabs to get rid of.
9 And then we got requests for speed limits in
10 because we removed the wave retention buoys
11 that were possibly preventing some of that. So
12 if you're going to look at these areas, you
13 might think about if we change the speed limit,
14 we would like to person responsible for your
15 wake buoys in this area as opposed to nothing,
16 so that way we have a paper trail as to why
17 that buoy was requested or zone change was
18 made.

19 RAMONA TROVATO: Okay. So we have a
20 suggestion. How do folks on the committee feel
21 about. Do you want to proceed in this

1 direction. Yes.

2 ROBIN ALLISON: I don't think that's done
3 enough.

4 RAMONA TROVATO: Well, speaking as one who
5 works for a regulatory agency, I think this is
6 a great idea. So Mike -- Bob, you had said
7 maybe do it by subcommittees.

8 BOB LUNSFORD: One of the ways that we
9 could do it was to have three or four people
10 who are interested in a particular area maybe
11 talk to that area commander and maybe get
12 together and do that and then have us all get
13 back together to talk. One of the things I
14 think we need to look at and try to do as a
15 whole is provide some consistency so as a
16 trailer boater when I visit a new area, I say
17 this looks like it ought to be six knots, and
18 have a guy go by me at 40 miles an hour pulling
19 a waterskier. Say "what?" There is a lot of
20 inconsistencies between areas where if you're
21 not familiar and you don't have COMAR in your

1 boat, like I'm sure we all do, you can run
2 afoul, you can violate regs without doing it
3 intentionally, without knowing it. There's
4 also some cases where I think some additional
5 signage, and I'll point out Salisbury, years
6 ago I launched at the ramp in downtown
7 Salisbury and I was headed down river. When I
8 was headed down river, when you get a couple
9 hundred yards below the ramp there's a sign
10 that says six knots at all times. I figured
11 that went back into town, so I put it up on
12 plane. 200 yards later I saw another sign that
13 says six knots at all times. I was not leaving
14 the area. That was not the lower boundary.
15 Oops. So I covered up my boat numbers.

16 ANN WILLIAMS: But Bob is saying that. We
17 get requests all the time to add markings in
18 the middle of a speed zone, which I like those
19 speed zones marked with the six knot in between
20 saying you're responsible for your wake. But
21 we get them all the time for that. But isn't

1 it confusing, it's not like a road sign where
2 we say 50, 50, 40, 40. We have six's and then
3 we have nothing. Did I leave, did I enter.
4 It's very hard for the public to understand the
5 markings when we get extra creative activities
6 going on. But it's also very hard for extra
7 boat ramps in the middle. You launch in the
8 middle a speed zone, am I in it or am I not.
9 It's very, very hard for us to educate the
10 public on where these boundaries are when they
11 are so amorphic.

12 CHRIS PARLIN: Which takes me back five
13 years ago plus when I asked this be put online,
14 because we have an online society. Where is
15 all that, are we --

16 ANN WILLIAMS: The last of your
17 regulations updates like in the next month.

18 LOUIS WRIGHT: Judging from what is being
19 registered now, it would be similar in probably
20 December. Probably want to have the last ones
21 go in the revision. Because I think we just

1 hit 30 and it was like -- we're up to 40 now
2 with jet pack.

3 CHRIS PARLIN: But I'm talking about a map
4 online. Hey, I'm going to Salisbury, I want to
5 pull up a map of the Wicomico River and figure
6 out the hatched areas, the six knot zones.

7 ANN WILLIAMS: The reason we're talking
8 that is the whole reason we didn't map
9 everything, is because the law said this, we
10 put buoys here but enforced here. So we went
11 through the effort with Louis to get them all
12 in the same place. So now our buoys are where
13 your regulation is, where the world should be.
14 Where December, before that last set of changes
15 comes in so the law matches how we marked. So
16 after December, the maps we made with the lines
17 in it, we could start reviewing them and this
18 would be an excellent way when you're going
19 through with this regional approach to review
20 them and say, gee, is that what we really meant
21 when we made that whole thing. So it's an

1 excellent time to review the maps and then okay
2 them and post them.

3 CHRIS PARLIN: And once they get approved,
4 then they can go online, like I said, if I want
5 to go to Salisbury, print up Wicomico River and
6 hit these two areas, I know these three areas.

7 ANN WILLIAMS: Right.

8 BOB LUNSFORD: I was going to suggest
9 maybe the committee, as we go through this, you
10 may be able to say at this ramp we need a
11 graphic picture of the river that says "you are
12 here", hashmark, and you get a general sense of
13 how far upstream and downstream from the
14 current location, if you're in a speed zone,
15 how far that goes. You might be alerted to the
16 fact there's a speed zone down at Lower Ferry
17 for instance that you may not know about if
18 you're screaming down the river at a gazillion
19 miles per hour and the buoy is off station and
20 you don't see it.

21 ANN WILLIAMS: That's great, Bob, but as

1 the person to make those maps, please don't go
2 there. I had to do one for the Potomac. And
3 when you think those things out, when we had
4 all the dam crisis on the Potomac and have
5 these locator maps here and above the dam watch
6 out, all this kind of stuff. It ends up being
7 this big, it's not graphic. It would be like
8 looking at Marty Bass's weather maps in the old
9 days. I'd have to stretch and balloon it so
10 you could see Wicomico and Salisbury on an
11 eight and a half by 11 piece of paper. As much
12 as you would like to make that, the better
13 thing is to make it on the web, make it
14 available. Maybe having a sign say have you
15 checked our speed limit web for Salisbury, and
16 have the web link on the page. But trying to
17 put a map out. And then of course when you get
18 a review and a new map and new change, we would
19 never have anything on the boat ramps correct.

20 CHRIS PARLIN: Only thing I would say,
21 maybe go back to your idea maybe making it

1 simpler, so you can do it statewide without
2 having to make maps everything, is to mark that
3 ramp, any public ramp, that dumps into a six
4 knot zone, there be a sign there that says six
5 knots. So when you're putting your boat in the
6 water --

7 BOB LUNSFORD: I knew I was in a six knot
8 zone. The problem was when I left the ramp and
9 went downstream away from town, there was a
10 buoy or a sign, I forget which, it said six
11 knots at all times. I figured that was the
12 downstream line. And it wasn't until I went to
13 the next sign that I realized oh, crumbs, I've
14 been bad.

15 RAMONA TROVATO: So folks, do you want to
16 do the committee idea, subcommittee idea. Who
17 are the volunteers.

18 STEVE KLING: I have a resolution.

19 RAMONA TROVATO: Terrific. Even better.

20 STEVE KLING: Resolution. The committee
21 undertake a systematic review of regulations of

1 state waters with the goal of eliminating
2 unnecessary regulation and establishing greater
3 consistency in regulation of similar waters.
4 The Chair shall appoint a committee to work
5 with DNR staff and NRP to develop a methodology
6 for this review and prioritize areas for
7 review. The goal is to begin this process in
8 the fall of 2014.

9 BOB LUNSFORD: Did you have an attorney
10 draw that up.

11 STEVE KLING: Yup.

12 RAMONA TROVATO: Is that a motion?

13 STEVE KLING: Yes.

14 AL SIMON: Second the motion.

15 RAMONA TROVATO: Any discussion. Any
16 further discussion. No. All opposed, raise
17 your hand. Okay. So it passes unanimously.
18 Who wants to be on the committee.

19 BOB LUNSFORD: Where are you going to
20 start.

21 RAMONA TROVATO: I think we're going to

1 start -- you mean which region.

2 STEVE KLING: Let's try this again. To
3 develop a methodology for this review and
4 prioritize areas for review.

5 BOB LUNSFORD: Herd of cats.

6 CHRIS PARLIN: I think -- my thought is to
7 put together a committee to figure out how
8 we're going to proceed, and then I could see
9 asking for some subcommittees to say, okay, we
10 want to look at three areas and you three guys
11 look at the southern area and you three folks
12 look at the northern area and maybe divide the
13 work up after that. Let's start with a
14 committee to look at the problem and come up
15 with the direction.

16 BOB LUNSFORD: Maybe one of the ways
17 we can prioritize our effort is can we get a
18 report from NRP, and not current but last year,
19 on where did they issue the most citations for
20 safety violations, for in particular speed
21 zones, since that's what the focus of this

1 committee has been.

2 MIKE GRANT: Sounds like Middle River.

3 ANN WILLIAMS: I don't think you need a
4 report. Middle river.

5 STEVE KLING: We're not looking for
6 excuses to regulate. We should ask where there
7 are the fewest.

8 BOB LUNSFORD: I stand corrected.

9 RAMONA TROVATO: Let's just set up the
10 committee to forge on to do this. So they can
11 come back with recommendations about the
12 districts, come back with the methodology,
13 which I think gets to what Louis was talking
14 about, in terms of what are the things we're
15 going to look at in each area. If we're going
16 to have multiple subcommittees, we have to have
17 similar approaches. So who would like to be on
18 this committee. Chris, Bob, Thorny, Steve,
19 John. That sounds like a fine size.

20 AL SIMON: Is that going to take in
21 different areas.

1 RAMONA TROVATO: We could ask Bob to
2 chair.

3 BOB LUNSFORD: Steve, it's his idea.

4 STEVE KLING: Actually it was Dan's idea.

5 RAMONA TROVATO: Okay.

6 MIKE GRANT: Who is on the committee.

7 RAMONA TROVATO: So we got Steve, Bob
8 Lunsford, Chris Parlin, Thorny and John.
9 Anybody else. That's five, I think that's a
10 really nice size.

11 MIKE GRANT: Which John.

12 RAMONA TROVATO: Ferman.

13 STEVE KLING: I think the chair should be
14 ex officio.

15 RAMONA TROVATO: I would like to be ex
16 officio. If I wasn't doing hydraulic
17 fracturing, I would be ex officio. Okay. And
18 then you'll report out at the next meeting,
19 whatever progress has been made. Okay. That
20 sounds great. And I guess we need to talk to
21 Mark about it, Mike, just to make sure.

1 MIKE GRANT: Yes.

2 RAMONA TROVATO: Where his interests lie
3 as well. Is there any other new business. Old
4 business. No. Mike, anything else you want to
5 bring up.

6 MIKE GRANT: No, ma'am.

7 RAMONA TROVATO: Shall we adjourn now or
8 you want to adjourn after --

9 MIKE GRANT: Might as well adjourn now.

10 AL SIMON: Can I ask you a question.
11 Nothing to do with business. On what Levitan
12 just mentioned.

13 RAMONA TROVATO: Let us adjourn first and
14 we'll do that.

15 AL SIMON: I want to know whether we can
16 do this, if I can make a contribution on behalf
17 of the Boat Act Advisory Committee.

18 STEVE KLING: Certainly.

19 RAMONA TROVATO: I don't know the
20 legalities on that. John.

21 JOHN BUSH: Can we determine the next

1 meeting before you adjourn.

2 RAMONA TROVATO: Are there any issues with
3 that. We can do that.

4 AL SIMON: Make the record that the Boat
5 Act Advisory Committee made a contribution to,
6 I don't know the title of that association.

7 RAMONA TROVATO: Okay. We got it. Thank
8 you so much, Al. And John -- it is wonderful,
9 and the work Fred is doing. So -- and John
10 reminds us that we need to pick a date for the
11 next meeting. And Mike, it seems like we need
12 that next meeting to happen October sometime.

13 MIKE GRANT: That would be good.

14 RAMONA TROVATO: So we can weigh in on the
15 regulations in sufficient time to impact them.

16 MIKE GRANT: Yup.

17 RAMONA TROVATO: So we usually shoot for
18 Thursdays. I don't know if that's going to
19 work for folks.

20 CHRIS PARLIN: October 16th?

21 BOB MCLEAN: Boat show.

1 STEVE KLING: Twenty-third.

2 CHRIS PARLIN: Twenty-third.

3 AL SIMON: Al. What's that October 23.

4 RAMONA TROVATO: Is that boat show.

5 CHRIS PARLIN: No, that's after.

6 RAMONA TROVATO: Does that work for folks.

7 JOHN BUSH: What day of the week is that?

8 RAMONA TROVATO: Thursday.

9 MIKE GRANT: October 23rd is the

10 suggestion.

11 CHRIS PARLIN: Twenty-third is out for me.

12 RAMONA TROVATO: I can do the 22nd. How

13 about a Tuesday. Twenty-first, that's a

14 Tuesday. So Tuesday is not good. How about

15 Monday or Friday.

16 CHRIS PARLIN: How about the 30th.

17 BOB LUNSFORD: Now we're running into the

18 reg wall.

19 RAMONA TROVATO: Twenty-second. Anybody

20 else can do the 22nd. Wednesday. Okay. Let's

21 make it Wednesday, October the 22nd. And Mike

1 will keep us to speed if anything comes up.

2 MIKE GRANT: This is the whole group,
3 correct.

4 RAMONA TROVATO: Yes. And we'll
5 anticipate a discussion on the regulations.
6 And we had four assignments for that and they
7 were read the three regs, get Captain Vernon
8 come in, Julie will talk to the vendor and see
9 what their experience is. And then, Mike,
10 you're going to see if you can track down the
11 Coast Guard licenses on Deep Creek Lake for
12 livery operators for jetlevs or that type of
13 operation. And then have a committee report
14 out on whatever the response to the resolution
15 is. Was there anything else for the next
16 agenda. And any other -- if any other
17 intelligence comes in, Mike, on petitions or
18 potential petitions I guess.

19 MIKE GRANT: The regulation, jet pack,
20 have Captain Vernon coming, U.S. Coast Guard,
21 vendors and what else.

1 RAMONA TROVATO: It was four. Three regs,
2 Captain Vernon's comments, whatever the vendor
3 down in Ocean City, and then does the Coast
4 Guard require captains licenses on Deep Creek
5 Lake. So those were -- our assignments on the
6 group are to read those regs. And the
7 volunteer committee, what are we going to call
8 the committee.

9 STEVE KLING: Ad hoc committee for
10 regulatory review.

11 RAMONA TROVATO: Wow.

12 BOB LUNSFORD: He's been thinking too
13 much.

14 STEVE KLING: That's just off the top of
15 my head.

16 BOB LUNSFORD: That's wonderful.

17 RAMONA TROVATO: Dan.

18 DAN JARZYNSKI: If I may, as ex-chair.
19 It's very obvious there are a lot of support
20 people around here, but one problem we had with
21 the committee years past, there are no uniforms

1 here. And it's important to make sure that NRP
2 and all of its structure are at every one of
3 the meetings so that they understand exactly
4 what's going on, so whatever you folks come up
5 with, it's not a surprise, they don't have to
6 start backpedaling. So whatever you got to do
7 to make sure the superintendent, from major all
8 the way to commander, attend these meetings.

9 RAMONA TROVATO: That's a good point.
10 Thanks. So we're going to follow up with Mark
11 on the committee on regulatory review. We
12 should follow up with NRP as well. I guess the
13 committee has a lot -- I know the committee has
14 a lot of knowledge on the regs in the state but
15 it sounds like Louis can help us out here, so
16 we can call upon him as necessary.

17 CHRIS PARLIN: In his spare time.

18 STEVE KLING: Did you just get
19 volunteered.

20 RAMONA TROVATO: Anything else, folks.

21 AL SIMON: Will he pick this up, this

1 group, Boat Act Advisory Committee.

2 RAMONA TROVATO: Yes, sir. And we
3 appreciate it so far. So now can we adjourn.

4 BOB LUNSFORD: Motion to adjourn.

5 CHRIS PARLIN: Second.

6 RAMONA TROVATO: We're adjourned.

7 (Meeting concluded at 11:35 a.m.)

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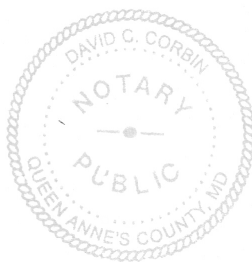
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