



**A CASE STUDY: MARYLAND
WORKING WATERFONT EFFORTS**
A PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN SEA GRANT AND COASTAL PROGRAM

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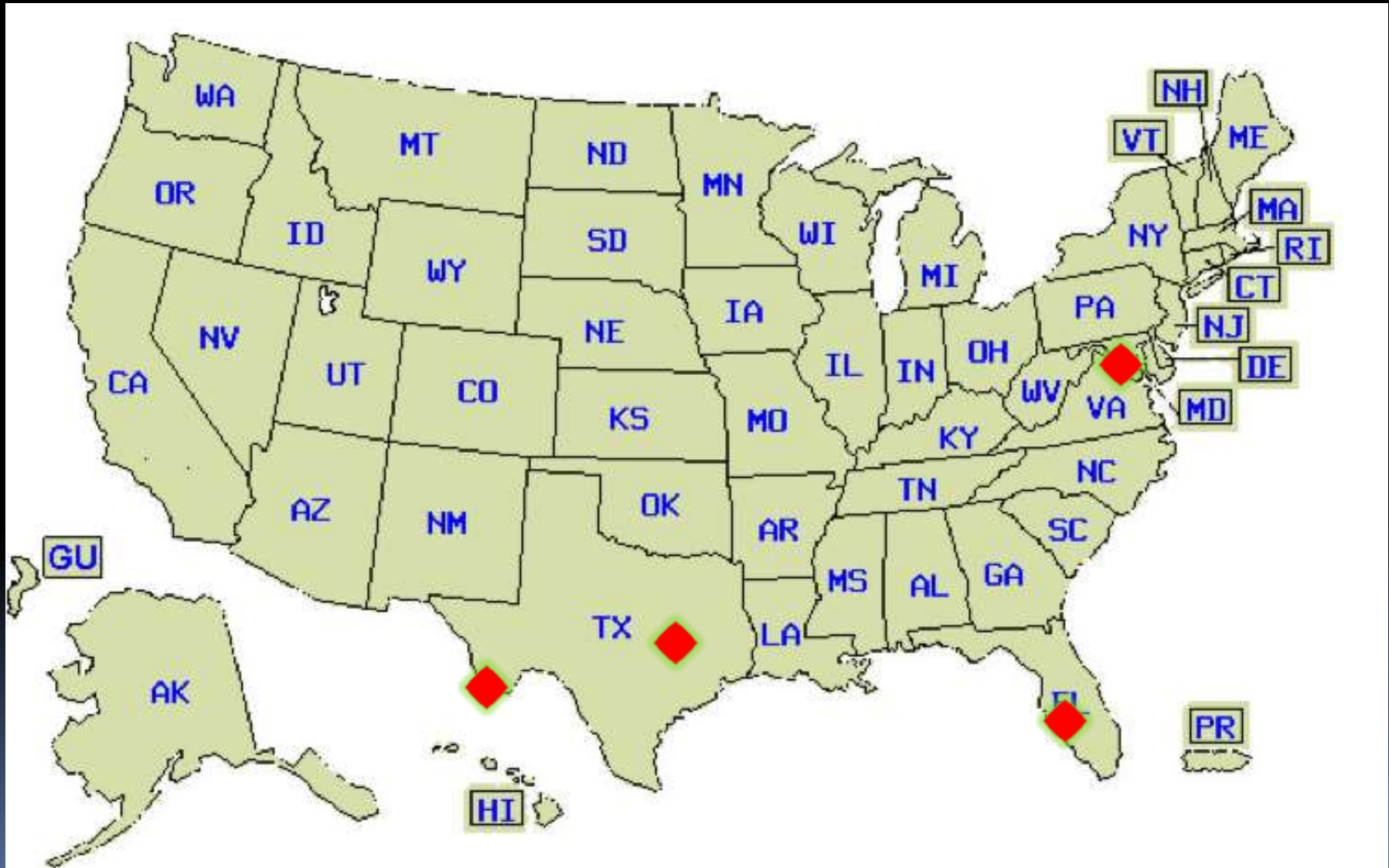
Today

- Working Waterfronts Commission
 - Maryland WWF Inventory: Pilot Project
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Morning Poll

- http://www.polleverywhere.com/multiple_choice_polls/AoF2PFvajiZwi67
- http://www.polleverywhere.com/free_text_polls/kQPQZuwuobIPQ3q

My Path in Extension



Crisfield, MD



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Maryland Bluecrabs



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Millard Tawes Crab and Clam Bake

- Close to 5000
- All you can eat
- Premier political event



Crisfield, MD + Condos

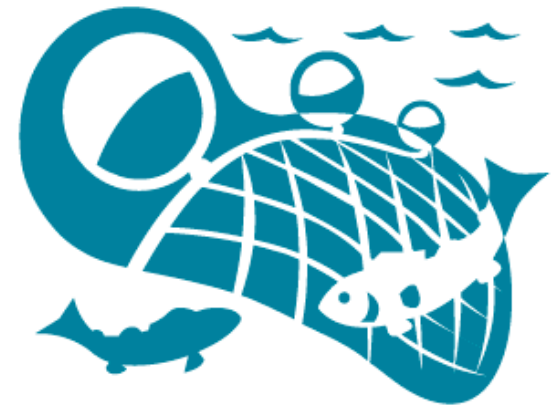


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What has happened in Maryland

- 2007 Maryland Working Waterfront Commission
- 2012-2013 Pilot Inventory
 - Process
 - Status
 - Lessons Learned

Maryland Working Waterfront Commission



Final Report

December 1, 2008




Commission

- One Year
- Included
 - Elected (Senate, House, Municipality, County)
 - State Depts such as planning, natural resources, economic development, agriculture
 - Watermen/Fishing Industries
 - Recreational (sportfishermen)
- Report--recommendations



Commission Committees

- Enterprize Zones (EZ)
 - Other State Program (OSP)
 - Maine
 - Florida
 - North & South Carolinas
 - Others
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Issues

Threats to WWF (in MD)

Development pressures (population growth in coastal areas)

Declining profits of wwf businesses

Rising real estate values

Lack of access for some fishing operations

Survey

2008 Maryland's Watermen and Working Waterfronts Survey

The Working Waterfront Commission was created during the 2007 session of the Maryland General Assembly. The Commission is tasked with studying and making recommendations regarding protecting and preserving Maryland's commercial seafood industry's access to public trust waters. This survey, developed by Maryland Sea Grant Extension, is the first step in identifying issues and concerns watermen have about access to public trust waters and their views about the state of Maryland's coastal waterfronts. Please take the time to respond to this survey (front and back); it will be of great use for making recommendations to improve commercial watermen access to Maryland's public trust waters.

Thank you,
Maryland Working Waterfront Commission

All information collected in this study is confidential to the extent permitted by law. Data provided will be grouped with data others provide for reporting and presentation. Neither names nor the names of organizations will be used, unless specifically authorized so.

1) State license you possess:

FGR/FGN Hook & Line/Finfish Harvester TFL Commercial Crab License
 Commercial Oyster/Clam License Other None

2) County of Residence: _____

3) Please **check** which of the following limits your commercial fishing activities?

Price of slips
 Availability of slips
 Extremely expensive tie-up space at marina
 Cost of waterfront property
 Fishermen unable to purchase waterfront property by themselves

Maintaining waterfront properties
 High properties taxes
 Changing real estate prices
 Inability to compete with high property bidders

Other:

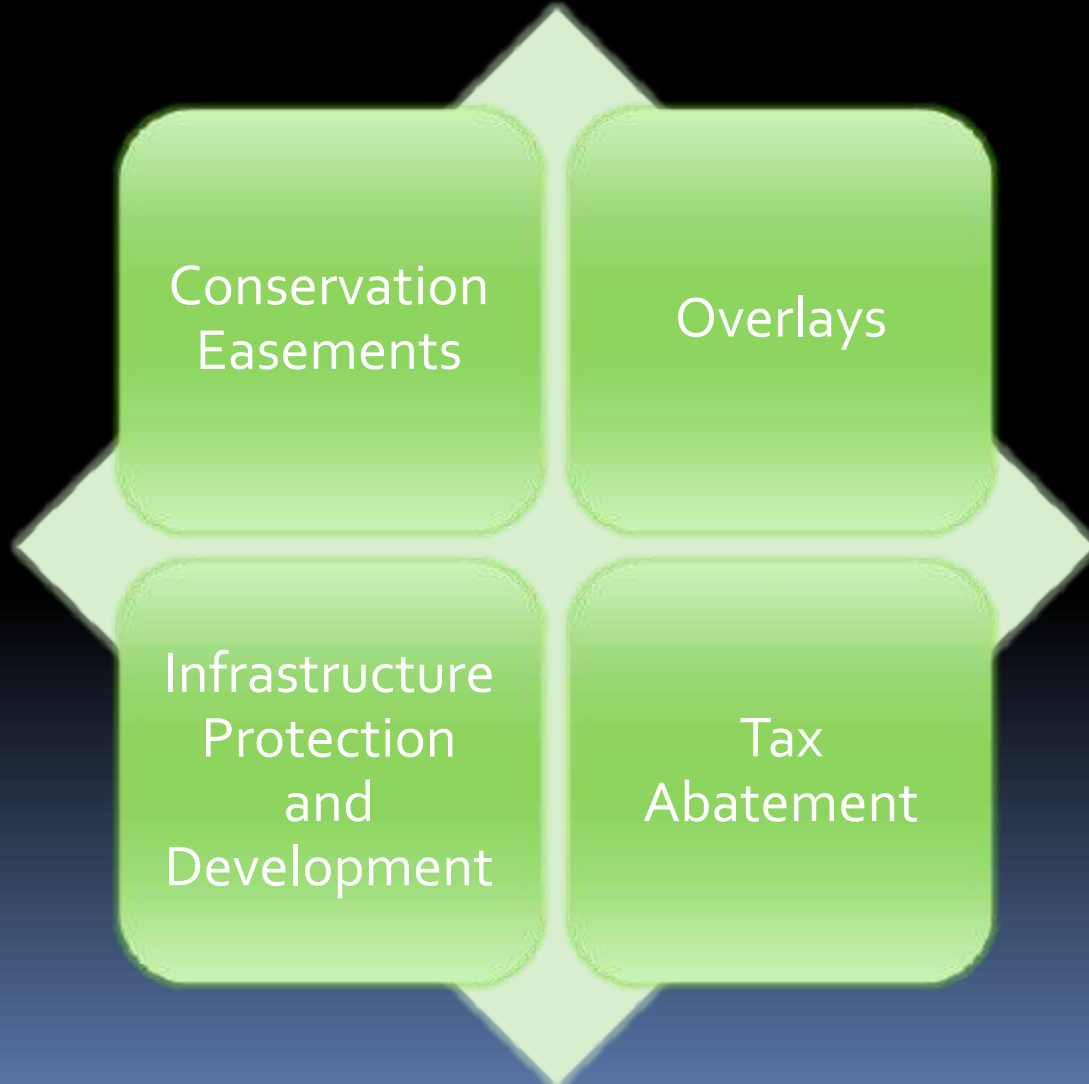
Legislation

- Need to track
- Outreach was minimal (letters)

Property Tax Credit – Commercial Waterfront Property


In an effort to protect working waterfronts in Maryland communities, the 2008 Maryland General Assembly recently passed legislation (House Bill 612/Senate Bill 676) supported by the Working Waterfront Commission. This legislation gives counties and municipalities the authority to adopt local policies that provide property tax relief for working waterfronts.

Examples of Land Use Regulations for WWF





Process

- Process
 - 8 meetings, speakers in some cases
 - Workgroups
 - Status: No longer
 - Lessons Learned....
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Lesson Learned

- Suggest trust building and facilitated forum by neutral party
- Create Buy-in!!
- Develop post-commission plan and identify responsible parties for next steps and implementation
- Discuss idea of a coalition
- Do IRB **survey** process (more formal)
- Engage Coastal Program at beginning

Now revisit report

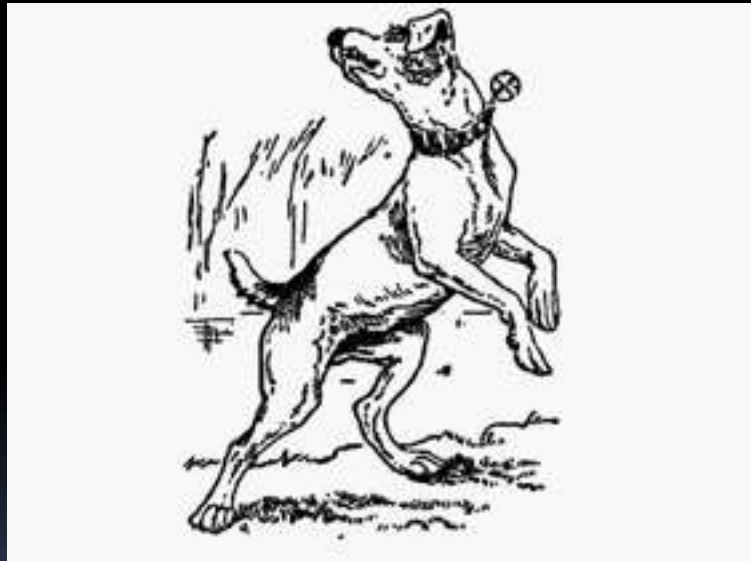
- i.e. Update Definition

and procedures adopted by the local jurisdiction. Commercial waterfront property is defined as real property that:

- is adjacent to the tidal waters of the State;
- is used primarily for a commercial fish operation or as a commercial marina or commercial marine repair facility; and
- has produced an average annual gross income of at least \$1,000 in the most recent three-year period.

A Saying...

- Con Dinero Baila el Perro



Inventory in Maryland

- VA Sea Grant with funding by Maryland DNR Coastal Program
- Facility location and attributes
 - Facility services
 - Physical attributes
- GPS Location
- Pictures and Aerials
- **Zoning
- **Viability

Public Meeting



Taking Stock of Maryland's Working Waterfronts

*Public meeting to learn about a
pilot program in the Choptank*

Tuesday, October 9, 2012

7:30-9:00 p.m.

Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum

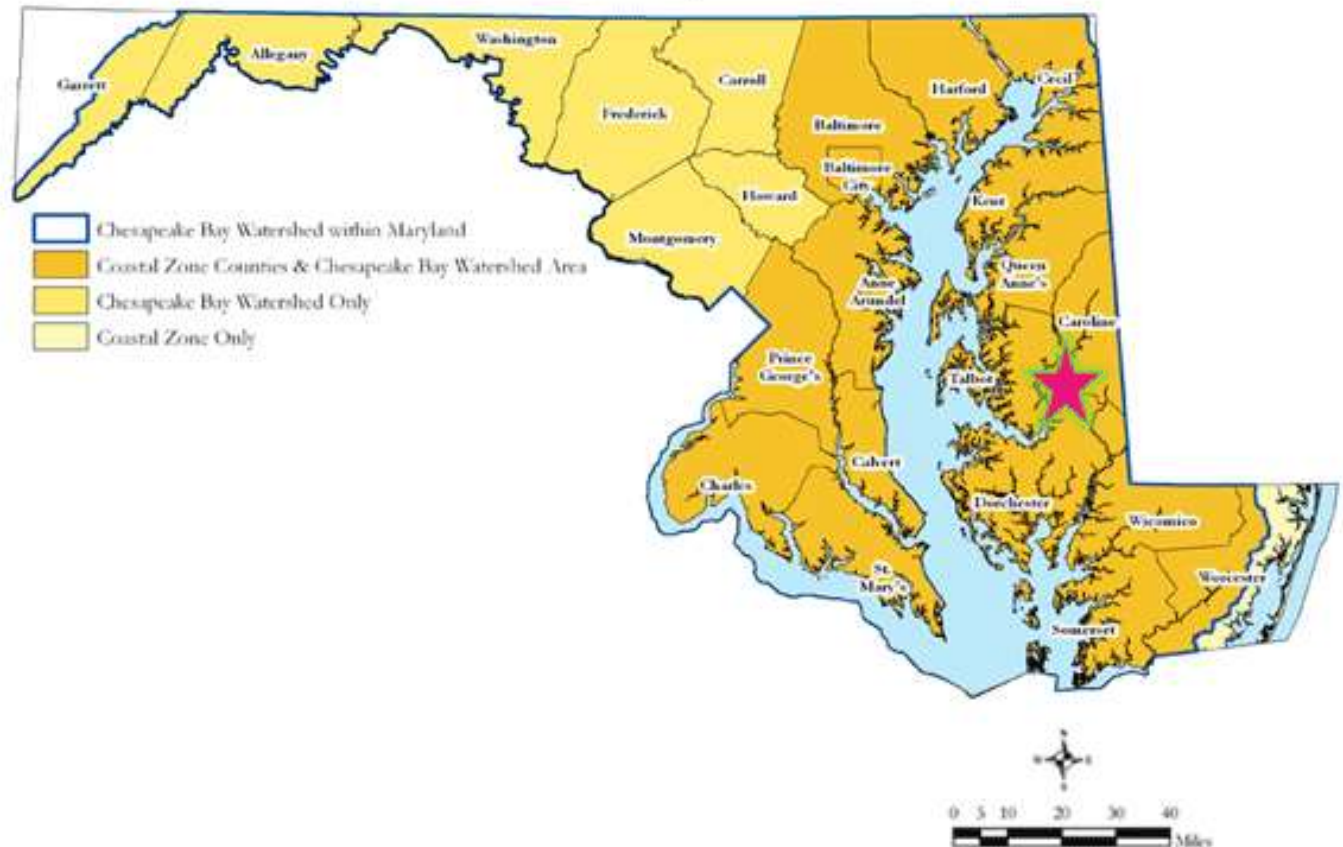
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Geographic Scope

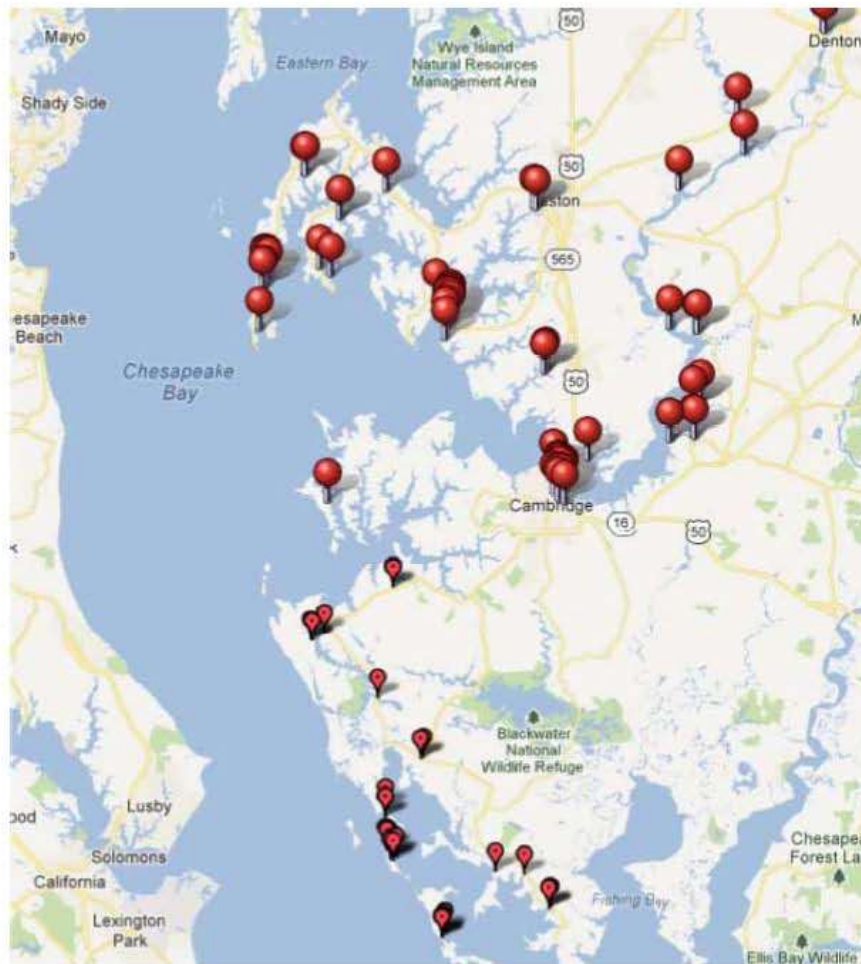
Counties in Maryland's coastal zone:

Anne Arundel
Baltimore
Calvert
Caroline
Charles
Cecil
Dorchester
Harford
Kent
Prince George's
Queen Anne's
Somerset
St. Mary's
Talbot
Wicomico
Worcester

Chesapeake Bay Watershed and Coastal Zone Counties Maryland



*A Pilot Project for Assessing the Socioeconomic
Issues facing Maryland's Working Waterfront*



Maryland Commercial Fishing Facility Inventory

Facility Identification		Dogwood Harbor		Parcel I.D. #	
Photo ID	Tilghman 184,170, 180, 183	Facility Identification Number		2812	
Location		Features		General Services	
County	Talbot	Water Access (Depth)	6'	Fuel	No
City	Tilghman Island	Road Access	Yes	Power	Yes
Body of Water	Broad Creek	Parking	Yes	Water	Yes
Lat/Long	38 42 44.18 76 20 05.86	Wharf Condition	Good	Pump Out Facilities	No
		Light Vehicles	Yes	Waste Oil Disposal	Yes
		Heavy Vehicles	Yes	Hauling Capacity	No
Commercial Fishing Services		Freight	No	Winch or Booms	Yes
Buying Station	No			Repair	No
Fish Off Loading	Yes			Supplies	No
Fish Packing	No			Bathroom	Yes
Ice or Freezer Holds	No			General Store	No
Refrigeration	No			Restaurant	No
Bait	No	Comments	25 slip Marina and launching ramp owned and maintained by Talbot county, with preference given to work boats.		
Net Repair	No				
Gear Loading Allowed	Yes				
Gear Storage Allowed	Yes				
Ownership	Own	Lease	Other	Legacy Plan?	yes no Other







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*Choptank River
Commercial Fishing Facility Inventory
Pilot Study*

ID Number	Facility Identification	Location
<u>CN112</u>	Crouse Landing	Upper Choptank River
<u>CN212</u>	Mathews Bros Boat Repairs	Upper Choptand River
<u>CN312</u>	Ganeys Wharf	Upper Choptank River
<u>CN412</u>	Kingston Landing	Upper Choptaink River
<u>CN512</u>	Choptank Marina	Upper Choptank River
<u>CN612</u>	Suicide Bridge Marina	Cabin Creek
<u>CN712</u>	Snug Harbor	Cabin Creek
<u>CN812</u>	Private Landing and Ramp	Warwick Creek
<u>CN912</u>	Secretary Town Ramp	Warwick Creek
<u>CN1012</u>	Green Point Landing	Choptank River
<u>CN1112</u>	Capt Phipps	Warwick Creek
<u>CN1212</u>	Windy Hill	Choptank River
<u>CN1312</u>	Trappe Landing	La Trappe Creek
<u>CN1412</u>	Gateway Marina	Choptank river

Inventory: Lessons Learned

- Letter of introduction, preferably by university/extension [building trust through Extension]
- Have a public meeting at the beginning of the project too (a kickoff mtg)
- Work with local officials first too, so consultants can reference that if needed
- Coastal exchange of ideas, concepts and research (on wwf)

Lessons Learned, continued

- When approaching properties owners, ask...What do they gain? How is business? They are happy to talk about their business
 - Show a legitimate interest in their business. To better understand them.
- Determine how information collected will be shared. How will we access this?? GIS ideas.
- Do a Working Waterfront User Survey



Thank you!

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