

## **Tri-Annual Fisheries Service Regulatory Scoping Public Meeting**

The Maryland Department of Natural Resources Fisheries Service will hold a Regulatory Scoping Public Meeting on February 10, 2009 at 6:00pm in Fellowship Hall at the Calvary United Methodist Church, 301 Rowe Blvd., Annapolis, MD 21401. All interested parties are invited to attend and give their views. Sign language interpreters and other appropriate accommodations will be provided upon request. There will be a second scoping meeting at Wor-Wic Community College in Salisbury on Thursday, February 11<sup>th</sup>. The meeting will be at 6pm in Guerrieri Hall Room 101.

**Parking:** There are several activities at the church that evening so it may be necessary to park in the Department of Natural Resources parking lot located on Herbert M. Sachs Drive. It is a short walking distance to the church.

Tri-Annual Public Fisheries Regulatory Scoping Meetings are held to discuss possible changes to fishing rules. The public has the opportunity to comment at these meetings prior to the ideas becoming proposed regulations. Not all ideas scoped will become a proposed regulation. Draft regulatory ideas are posted on the Fisheries' Service website and comments are taken by email, fax, or mail by a specified date and at the Public Scoping Meeting.

Topics for discussion at the meeting include: adding species to the Nuisance Species regulation, Weakfish Management changes (recreational and commercial) and Summer Flounder recreational changes. Housekeeping issues will also be discussed. These are minor corrections to regulation and include crayfish; yellow perch, public notices and bow and arrow fishing.

You may view the summaries of each proposal and make comments on these regulatory ideas by going to the Fisheries Draft Regulations Website, [www.dnr.state.md.us/fisheries/regulations/draftregulations.html](http://www.dnr.state.md.us/fisheries/regulations/draftregulations.html). You may also submit comments by mailing them to Fisheries Regulations, Maryland Department of Natural Resources, 580 Taylor Ave., B-2, Annapolis, MD 21401, or by faxing them to 410-260-8310.