

**FINAL MINUTES**  
Recreational Fishing Advisory Board (RFAB) Meeting  
September 13, 2010

Members Present

George Hudgins - Chairman	H. "Jim" Deibler
Edward Rhodes - Vice-chairman	J. "Jimmie" Duell
Carlisle Bannister	Charles Randolph
Carolyn Brown	Charles Southall

Members Not Present

John Barr

At 7:02 p.m., Chairman Hudgins called the meeting to order.

Ms. Jane McCroskey provided a brief status report of the budget. She explained that the report shows a balance of \$1,956,906. This report includes the expenses for the on-going projects, the VMRC obligations for July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011, and the license sales through August 30, 2010. This estimate also includes a return of \$838,143 of unspent monies, from the Law Enforcement Division Budget Reduction Exercises in FY 2009 and FY 2010, a \$698,368 transfer of monies from the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries' reconciliation of prior saltwater license sales (2005 through 2008), and a return of \$199,702 of unspent monies, from the Virginia Saltwater Angler's Guide that was not printed but only posted on the agency website. She mentioned that the recreational fund is collecting about \$2 million in license sales per year. However, there are about \$1.8 million (including state match for Wallop-Breaux) in agency obligations, on the fund, per year.

Mr. Hudgins asked for a review of the draft July 12, 2010 RFAB meeting minutes. Mr. Rhodes made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Randolph seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous to accept the draft minutes as final.

**Multi-Year Projects for 2010 Renewal.**

In July, the RFAB recommended the funding of the three educational fishing events for children (Items A, B, and C), and the Commission approved the expenditures.

D) Sheepshead Diet in Chesapeake Bay between 2006 and 2008, Virginia. H. Liao, C. Jones, ODURF. **\$27,724.** Mr. Rhodes made a motion to not recommend the funding and was seconded by Mr. Deibler. The vote passed 8-0. The RFAB comments included that this project is of limited value to recreational anglers.

E) 2010 Virginia Marine Sportfish Collection (Year 4). J. Grist, J. Cimino, VMRC. **\$10,000.** Mr. Randolph made a motion to recommend the funding and was seconded by Mr. Southall. The vote passed 8-0.

F) Federal Assistance (Wallop-Breaux) Matching Funds, Federal FY 2011. Jack Travelstead, VMRC. **\$325,468.** Mr. Rhodes made a motion to recommend the funding of \$312,468 and was seconded by Mr. Randolph. The vote passed 8-0. Provided that the commercial Marine Fishing Improvement Fund furnishes the additional \$13,000.

## **Multi-Year Projects for 2011 Renewal.**

Mr. Rhodes made a motion to vote on Items G and H together and was seconded by Mr. Southall. The vote passed 8-0. Mr. Rhodes made a motion to recommend the funding of Items G and H and was seconded by Mr. Randolph. The vote passed 8-0.

- G) 2011 Children's Fishing Clinic (Year 14). Rob Cowling, Newport News Rotary Club and Coastal Conservation Association-Peninsula. **\$6,500.**
- H) 2011 Kiwanis Club Children's Fishing Clinic (Year 10). Wesley Brown, Capital District Kiwanis Club. **\$6,500.**
- I) 2011 Estimating Relative Abundance of Young-of-Year American Eel in the Virginia Tributaries of Chesapeake Bay. M. Fabrizio, T. Tuckey, VIMS. **\$46,574.** Mr. Randolph made a motion to recommend the funding of \$27,287 and was seconded by Ms. Brown. The vote passed 8-0. Provided that the commercial Marine Fishing Improvement Fund furnishes the additional \$23,287.
- J) 2011 Virginia Game Fish Tagging (Year 17). J. Lucy, VIMS and L. Gillingham, VMRC. **\$78,904.** Mr. Randolph made a motion to recommend the funding and was seconded by Ms. Brown. The vote passed 8-0.
- K) 2011 Enhancing and Restoration of Submerged Aquatic Vegetation (SAV) Habitat in Chesapeake Bay and the Virginia Coastal Bays (Year 16). Robert Orth, VIMS. **\$107,551.** Mr. Randolph made a motion to recommend the funding and was seconded by Mr. Bannister. The vote passed 8-0. Mr. Southall commended Dr. Orth on his work and feedback to the RFAB, and also his efforts to secure funding from additional sources.

## **New Project for 2010.**

- L) Messick Point Recreational Fishing Pier, Engineering and Design. Dave Callis, City of Poquoson. **\$50,000.** Mr. Southall made a motion to not recommend the funding and was seconded by Mr. Rhodes. The vote passed 8-0. The RFAB comments indicated that this pier location is of limited utility for recreational anglers. Diminishing funding resources were also a consideration, by the RFAB, to not go forward with this project.

The tentative dates for the 2011 RFAB meetings: May 9, Project Presentations by Applicants (7 p.m.); July 11, Public Hearing (7 p.m.); and September 12, Work Session (5:30 p.m.) and Final Recommendations (7 p.m.). Project applications are due by April 15, 2011. Mr. Southall made a motion to recommend these dates and was seconded by Mr. Duell. The vote passed 8-0.

Chairman Hudgins adjourned the meeting at 7:23 p.m.

[Note: Audio files of the meeting are available at <http://www.mrc.virginia.gov/vsrfd/index.shtm> (Choose, Current Proposals, on the left-hand menu)]