

## Meeting July 1, 2016 Lynnhaven River Workgroup

Ken Neil brought the meeting to order about 9: 33 at the Brock Environmental Center meeting room.

Ben Stagg gave a brief update on a VMRC/CORPS meeting that resulted in the conclusion that the state program is in compliance with the CORPS nationwide permit.

John Korte made a presentation about the Lynnhaven system.

Hap Chalmers noted that some of his cages have been found out of compliance but he is working to make sure the cages are in compliance with the height requirement. He also noted that he did a few projects with colleges to work to make waters cleaner.

Notification issue, for existing leases that may put cages on lease in the future was discussed. Some discussion about current users being required to get the Fisheries General permit # 4 that would allow for higher cages and/or marking of individual structures.

Lots of general discussion about notification, conflicts, possibly setting currently non-leased areas as not to be leased. No consensus on specifics on any of these topics.

Commissioner Bull noted that there are really two issues both related to cages. Placement of new cages on leases and then what about existing cages. He encouraged the group to focus on the cage issue specific to Virginia Beach and come up with some recommendations that apply to this issue. Staff was asked to explain the Fisheries General Permit # 4 that allows for cages greater than 12-inches off the bottom. This was done and a copy was given to each workgroup member. Staff agreed to provide some new regulatory language to address the placement of new cages in the Virginia Beach area and bring back to the group at the next meeting.

Open for public comment.