

MINUTES
SHELLFISH MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING

September 28, 2022
4:00 to 6:00 pm

Commission Room
380 Fenwick Road, Bldg. 96
Fort Monroe, Virginia

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Members Present

Wayne France via WebEx
Richard Harding
Beverly Ludford via WebEx
Peyton Mason

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Tommy Kellum via WebEx
Charles Johnson
J. C. Hudgins
Jackie Shannon via WebEx

VMRC/VIMS/VDH Staff

Andrew Button
Ben Stagg
Jamie Hogge

Wayne France, Chairman, opened the meeting at 4:03 p.m.

Approval of Agenda

Member J. C. Hudgins made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Member Rich Harding seconded the motion. The motion passes unanimously.

Review of Warm Water Harvest Regulations

Andrew Button, Deputy Chief, Shellfish Management Division, provided a review of the Warm Water Harvest Regulation due to the recently extension for the month of October with a PowerPoint presentation. His comments are a part of the verbatim record.

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User Fee Transferability Requirements

Mr. Button, Deputy Chief, Shellfish Management Division, provided recommendations for a change in transfer eligibility for medical exceptions, unexpected death and a 70 year old exemption with previous harvest history. His comments are a part of the verbatim record.

After detailed discussion regarding changes to the Oyster User Fee transfer regulation **4 VAC 20-720-15. Control Date, License Moratorium, Transferability and Agents**, the following were the recommendations from SMAC:

Oyster User Fee Transfer Exemptions:

Military obligation:

Eligible to transfer to non-family member without the 40 days or more of harvest in the previous years.

Medical:

Must have 40 days or more of reported harvest the previous 2 years.

Family:

Transfer to a direct family member as stated in regulation **4 VAC 20-720-15-D (1)**

Death:

Eligible to transfer to a non-family member, with 40 days or more of reported harvest the previous 2 years, and paid the Oyster User Fee each year.

70 years or older:

Eligible to transfer to a non-family member **IF** the Oyster User Fee has been paid for 5 consecutive years or more and a cap of no more than 50 Oyster User Fee transfers per calendar year.

Peyton Mason made a motion to approve the recommendation for the changes to the Oyster User Fee transfers. Member J. C. Hudgins seconded the motion. The motion passes unanimously.

Other Business

Great Wicomico and Piankatank quota will be revisited after the results of the fall dredge survey and discussed during a future SMAC Meeting which will be the first of the next year.

The meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

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