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Annual Meeting of Saltwater Tournament Committee Set

The annual meeting of the Tournament Committee of the Virginia Saltwater Fishing Tournament will be held Wednesday, December 10th at 2600 Washington Avenue, Newport News, 7 PM, in the Virginia Marine Resources Commission's Library, located on the fourth floor of the building. The meeting is scheduled to start at 7 PM and is open to the public.

The meeting will begin with a public comment period, providing anglers an opportunity to address the Committee with their suggestions and concerns relating to the operation and policies of the program. Following the public comment period, the Committee will proceed with its formal meeting. The main agenda items will be a review of the 2014 Citation data with a comparison to prior years, consideration of a request to add golden tilefish and grouper (all species) to the list of eligible species for Citation awards, a discussion of bluefin tuna regulations to re-clarify who and when a Citation or State record can be earned and consideration of raising the release minimum size for red drum from 46 inches to 48 inches.

The Tournament Committee meets at least annually to review and set minimum qualifying weights and lengths for species eligible in the State's popular recognition program. Additionally the Committee can consider changes to the Tournament's rules regarding Citations and State records at this time.

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