

MINUTES
SHELLFISH MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING

January 9, 2024
4:00 to 6:00 pm

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

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Members Present

J. C. Hudgins
Richard Harding via WebEx
Beverly Ludford via WebEx
Jackie Shannon via WebEx
Lee Deihl
Don Porter via WebEx

Members Present

Tommy Kellum
Ernest George
Peyton Mason via WebEx
Dan Dize via WebEx
Lake Cowart
Ben Johnson

VMRC/VIMS/VDH Staff

Andrew Button
Adam Kenyon
Jamie Hogge
Vernon Rowe
Melissa Southworth, VIMS via WebEx
Roger Mann, VIMS via WebEx
John Cosgrove via WebEx

J. C. Hudgins, Chairman, opened the meeting at 4:04 p.m.

Approval of Agenda:

Member T. Kellum made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Member L. Deihl. Motion passed 9-0.

Approval of December 5, 2023, Meeting Minutes:

Member L. Deihl made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Member B. Johnson seconded the motion. Motion passed 9-0.

Discussion of Area 9 survey in Rappahannock

Andrew Button, Deputy Chief, Shellfish Management, began the meeting with a discussion with an update on the Rappahannock Area 9 survey results. His comments are a part of the verbatim record.

At the consensus of the committee, it was recommended that the discussion to open Rappahannock Area 9 be put on the back burner and discuss next year.

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Discussion on modification to 2023-2024 harvest season

Member E. George made a motion to accept the current season extensions. Member L. Deihl seconded the motion. Motion passed 9-0.

Public Comment

No one spoke during the Public Comment period.

Open Discussion

Adam Kenyon, Shellfish Management Chief, provided a brief description about the upcoming budget and recommended plans and ideas for RFP (seed oyster in the spring)

- Buy seed from waterman as done in the past to replant in areas needing replenishment.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. A member seconded the motion. Motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 5:18 p.m.

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