MEETING NOTICE PUBLIC HEARING

Virginia Recreational Fishing Advisory Board Virginia Marine Resources Commission Monday, September 11, 2006, 7:00 p.m.

The Virginia Recreational Fishing Advisory Board (RFAB) requests public comment on the projects, listed below, which are currently under consideration for funding from the Virginia Saltwater Recreational Fishing Development Fund (Saltwater Recreational Fishing License funds). A public hearing on these proposals will be held on Monday, September 11, 2006, at 7:00 p.m., at the Virginia Marine Resource Commission, 2600 Washington Avenue, Fourth Floor, Newport News. Any person may comment on these projects or any issue related to the license funds. Written comments on the proposals should be mailed to: Sonya Davis, VMRC Fisheries Management Division, 2600 Washington Avenue, 3rd Floor, Newport News, VA 23607 or E-mail to: sonya.davis@mrc.virginia.gov. In November, the Recreational Fishing Advisory Board recommendations on projects to be funded will be presented to the Commission. This meeting notice, as well as complete project proposals, are available on the Internet at http://www.mrc.virginia.gov/vsrfdf/index.htm

Tentative Agenda

- I. Introduction, Announcements, Comments.
- II. Status of Fund.
- III. Review of Minutes from the July 2006 RFAB Meeting.
- IV. Multi-Year Projects for Renewal.
 - A) Federal Assistance (Wallop-Breaux) Matching Funds FY 2007. Jack Travelstead, VMRC. **\$225,000**.
 - B) 2007 Children's Fishing Clinic (Year 10). Rob Cowling, Newport News Rotary Club and Coastal Conservation Association. **\$6,000**.
 - C) 2007 Kiwanis Club Children's Fishing Clinic (Year 6). W. Brown, A. Nogiec, Capital District Kiwanis Club. **\$6,000**.
 - D) 2007 CCA Tidewater Youth Fishing Day (Year 10). T. Johnson, D. Hickman, B. Dieffenbach, Coastal Conservation Association, Tidewater Chapter. **\$6,000**.
 - E) Sheepshead Population Dynamics in Chesapeake Bay, Virginia (Year 2). H. Liao, S. Haga, C. Jones, ODURF/CQFE. **\$65,777**.
 - F) Artificial Reef, Funding for Deployment of Structure 2006-2007. Mike Meier, VMRC. **\$200,000**.

G) 2007 Virginia Game Fish Tagging (Year 13). J. Lucy, VIMS and C. Bain, VMRC. \$64,787.

V. New Projects.

- H) Ocean View Recreational Fishing and Education Pier. Stanley Stein, Assistant City Manager, Norfolk. **\$215,850**.
- Monitoring Mycobacteriosis in Chesapeake Bay Striped Bass Morone saxatilis: Tracking the State of the Epizootic. D. Gauthier, W. Vogelbein, K. Reece, VIMS. \$59,312.
- J) Submerged Aquatic Vegetation (SAV) as essential fish habitat in lower Chesapeake Bay: Linking variation in SAV, forage animal production, and sportfish abundance. J. E. Duffy, R. Latour, J. van Montfrans, VIMS. \$69,268.
- K) A Genetic Assessment of the Potential for Local Depletion of Atlantic Menhaden (*Brevoortia tyrannus*) within Chesapeake Bay. J. Graves, J. McDowell, R. Latour, A. Lynch, VIMS. \$57,172.
- L) Utility of Alternative Reefs to Simultaneously Enhance Recreational Fish Production and Oyster Restoration. Rom Lipcius, VIMS. \$199,643.
- M) Prey Availability and Enhanced Production of Artificial Reefs for Recreational Fish and Native Oysters. Rochelle Seitz, VIMS. **\$45,944**.
- VI. Date for Future Second Cycle 2006 RFAB Meetings.

Review Session (5:30 p.m.) & Final Recommendations (7 p.m.) - November 13

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