

Finfish Management Advisory Committee / Public Hearing on Virginia's Changes to Striped Bass Management

Wednesday 9/18/19, 6pm, VMRC

Location: Virginia Marine Resources Commission, 380 Fenwick Rd, Fort Monroe, Hampton, VA, 23651

At its August meeting on 8/27, VMRC introduced a Request for an Emergency Amendment to Chapter 4 VAC 20-252-10 et seq., "Pertaining to the taking of Striped Bass" to lower the recreational possession limit in the Chesapeake Bay area, establish a recreational maximum size limit of 36" TL, and establish commercial gill net maximum mesh size requirements in the Chesapeake Bay and Coastal areas. The request was approved and final action will be taken at the next Commission meeting on the afternoon of September 24<sup>th</sup>.

These actions are being considered to take a proactive approach to measures being considered by the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission that will require an 18% reduction in coast-wide striped bass removals for 2020. Those measures are part of draft Addendum VI of Amendment 6 to the Atlantic Striped Bass Fishery Management Plan that will be approved by the Striped Bass Management Board Wednesday 10/30 in New Castle, NH.

Staff will provide background on the VMRC emergency amendment then open the floor to FMAC members and the general public for questions and comments. The public can listen to the meeting at VMRC's live web feed at: <https://www.youtube.com/user/vamarineresources/live>

Those on the live web feed can submit questions and comments to be addressed during the meeting through a [youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com) account. To create an account click on the blue "SIGN IN" button in the upper right of the [www.youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com) site and follow the directions.