

*AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE VIRGINIA MARINE RESOURCES COMMISSION
AND
THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES*

License reciprocity for recreational fishing with a fishing guide in the tidal saltwaters of Virginia and the tidal waters of Maryland except the Potomac River.

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Virginia and the State of Maryland each require licenses for operating as a fishing guide in their respective tidal waters or tidal saltwaters;

WHEREAS, Section 28.2 – 302.5 of the Code of Virginia authorizes the Commissioner of Marine Resources to determine license reciprocity for holders of valid fishing guide licenses issued by another state or jurisdiction;

WHEREAS, Sections 4-205 and 4-745 of the Natural Resources Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland authorize the Secretary of the Department of Natural Resources to enter into an agreement with the Commonwealth of Virginia regarding reciprocal fishing guide privileges in tidal waters under the jurisdiction of Maryland except the Potomac River;

WHEREAS, the tidal saltwaters of Virginia and the tidal waters of Maryland are adjacent and share common boundaries;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Natural Resources Article §4-475 Annotated Code of Maryland, the Secretary of Natural Resources has published notice in the Maryland Register, his determination that requirements for fishing guide licenses in the tidal saltwaters of Virginia are substantially similar to and reciprocal with the fishing guide license in Maryland;

WHEREAS, the fishing guide license requirements for fishing in the tidal saltwaters of Virginia and in the tidal waters of Maryland are similar; now, therefore, be it resolved that the Commonwealth of Virginia and the State of Maryland will honor valid fishing guide licenses issued by any of these jurisdictions, for use in their respective waters, as follows:

1. Licenses approved for reciprocity

Virginia saltwater fishing guide licenses honored in Maryland tidal waters are:

- Class A fishing guide license

Maryland tidal fishing guide licenses honored in Virginia tidal saltwaters are:

- Resident and Nonresident Fishing guide license

2. Reciprocity Conditions

This agreement authorizes the holder of a valid saltwater or tidal water fishing guide license issued by any one of these jurisdictions to fish in the tidal waters of all of these jurisdictions except the Potomac River.

Reciprocity extends only to the specific licenses listed in paragraph 1 above. Other requirements of the individual jurisdictions for special permits must be observed.

Persons entering the waters of these jurisdictions are subject to each jurisdiction's respective laws, rules, regulations, and amendments thereto. This includes such conservation measures as seasonal restrictions, catch limits, and restrictions on the sale of fish caught by noncommercial fishermen. A person found in violation of any of these measures by the respective jurisdiction may be subject to revocation of his license reciprocity privilege.

3. Effective Date

This agreement becomes effective on January 1, 2009.

4. Amendment Provision

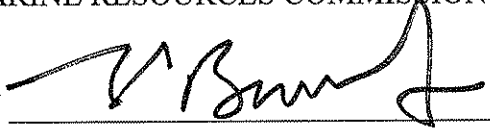
This agreement may be amended by mutual consent of the jurisdictions at any time.

5. Termination Provision

This agreement shall remain in effect until ninety days from the date of written notice of discontinuance given by any jurisdiction to the others, or upon the effective date of repeal of underlying statutory authority.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the jurisdictions have caused this Agreement to be executed by the signatures of their authorized officers placed hereon.

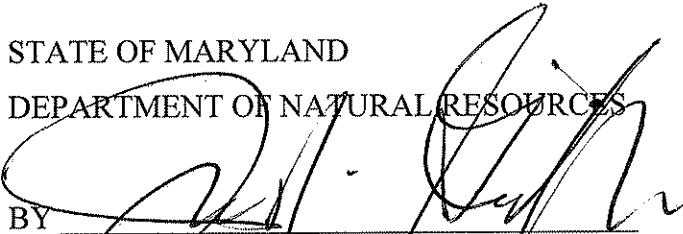
COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
MARINE RESOURCES COMMISSION

BY 

L. Preston Bryant, Jr.
Secretary of Natural Resources

DATE December 31, 2008

STATE OF MARYLAND
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

BY 

John R. Griffin
Secretary of Natural Resources

DATE December 23, 2008

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY

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