

VIRGINIA MARINE RESOURCES COMMISSION
CRAB MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
2600 WASHINGTON AVENUE, NEWPORT NEWS, VA
VMRC COMMISSION ROOM, 4th FLOOR

TUESDAY, JANUARY 5th - 6:00 P.M.

AGENDA

I. Introductions, announcements and approval of minutes from the June 25, 2015 meeting.

II. Old Business

1. Continued discussion on sanctuary areas and corresponding closure dates to crab harvesting activities
2. Effort control issues; a continuation of discussions on latent effort and use of agents

III. New Business

1. Initiation of discussions on the requirements of the Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement (2014) for blue crab:

“Maintain a sustainable blue crab population based on the current 2012 target of 215 million adult females. Refine population targets through 2025 based on best available science. Manage for a stable and productive crab fishery including working with the industry, recreational crabbers and other stakeholders to improve commercial and recreational harvest accountability. By 2018, evaluate the establishment of a Bay-wide, allocation-based management framework with annual levels set by the jurisdictions for the purpose of accounting for and adjusting harvest by each jurisdiction.”

2. Initiate a discussion of possible management responses to the late April-early May results of the 2015-16 Baywide Winter Crab Dredge Survey.
3. CMAC members input on additional items for this or a following meeting.

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