

VIRGINIA MARINE RESOURCES COMMISSION
FINFISH MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
2600 WASHINGTON AVENUE, NEWPORT NEWS, VA
VMRC COMMISSION ROOM, 4TH FLOOR
MONDAY, APRIL 16, 2012 – 6:00 P.M.

AGENDA

- I. Introductions; Announcements
- II. Approval of minutes from January 23, 2011 meeting
- III. Old Business
 - a. Tautog – Changes to management measures based on the new (39%) ASMFC reduction requirement.
 - i. Recreational fishery for 2012 and 2013 (see page 2)
 - ii. Commercial fishery for 2012 and 2013 (see page 2)
 - b. Tautog – Commercial management control date
 - c. Tilefish Commercial Regulations (see page 2)
- IV. New Business
 - a. Discussion: Opening the commercial striped bass season in January
 - b. Mr. Alex Wazlak: Request to allow spear fishing for striped bass
- V. Next Meeting Date
- VI. Adjournment

Current Tautog Recreational and Commercial Regulations

Recreational				
Bag	Size	Closed Season	Closed Days	% Reduction
3	16 Inches	April 16 – September 23	161	50.5%
Commercial				
	Size	Closed Season	Closed Days	% Reduction
N/A	15 Inches	January 18 – March 15; May 1 – November 12	196	50.4%

Current and Former Tilefish Commercial Regulations

Former Regulation	<p>4VAC20-1120-40. COMMERCIAL LIMITATIONS.</p> <p>A. It shall be unlawful for any vessel to land in Virginia more than 300 pounds of tilefish, as described in 4VAC20-1120-20, per day when commercial fishing.</p>
Current Regulation	<p>4VAC20-1120-40. COMMERCIAL LIMITATIONS.</p> <p>B. It shall be unlawful for any person harvesting tilefish when commercial fishing, as described in 4VAC20-1120-20, to do any of the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Possess aboard any vessel in Virginia waters any amount of tilefish, in combination, in excess of 500 pounds. 2. Possess aboard any vessel in Virginia waters any amount of blueline tilefish in excess of 200 pounds. 3. Possess aboard any vessel any amount of golden tilefish during any in-season closure announced by the National Marine Fisheries Service.